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Democrat bets endorse Inos-Torres

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres' (R-Saipan) campaign got a boost yesterday with the CNMI Democratic Party endorsing the NMI Republican Party bets' bid in the gubernatorial runoff elections set for Nov. 21.

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The GOP team said it is extremely pleased to announce the endorsement of Edward M. "Tofila" DeLeon Guerrero and Daniel O. Quitugua.

"We are humbled, grateful, and so thankful that Ed and Dan have joined our team. They ran a strong campaign based on their strong cultural plans and ideas and an unyielding desire to make our Commonwealth

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Parole extension a godsend for struggling IRs

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For Precilla Villafuerte, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' decision to extend the parole program for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens is an answered prayer.

The 43-year-old mother of one said she

has had sleepless nights prior to USCIS' Saturday announcement that it was extending the parole program not only for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens but also certain "stateless" individuals.

Villafuerte, who hails from Cavite, Philippines, said she just wants to continue to bring up her 8-year-old U.S. citizen

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CEC BOARD CERTIFIES ELECTION RESULTS

Inos, Hofschneider square off on Nov. 21

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission board certified on Friday the results of the gubernatorial and special elections and set for Nov. 21 the runoff race between Gov. Eloy S. Inos/Ralph DLG. Torres and Heinz Hofschneider/Ray N. Yumul.

CEC board vice chair Donald Hofschneider (Tinian) and members Juan E. Santos (Tinian), Trinidad L.

Rabauliman (Saipan), Leilai I. Manglona (Rota), and Josepha B. Manglona (Rota) unanimously approved the results of Tuesday's elections. Board chair Frances M. Sablan was not present.

The board approved the parties' agreed runoff ballots layout. Inos-Torres will be No. 1 on the ballot on the left side, while Hofschneider-Yumul will be No. 2 on the right side.

The runoff election will be held at

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Wives, children of slain farmers arrive

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The wives and children of two slain farmers arrived on Saipan from Fujian Province, China, on Saturday afternoon, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Witnesses said it was an emotional scene at the Saipan International



Hai Ren Li



Cheng Yu Li

Airport, when the wives and the four children emerged from the airport at 5pm, bursting into tears as family members and several friends hugged them.

Victim Hai Ren Li, 51, has two sons, 25 and 26 years old. The other victim, Cheng Yu Li, 47, has also two

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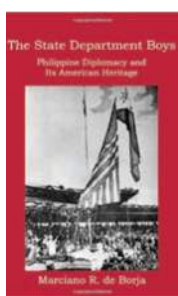
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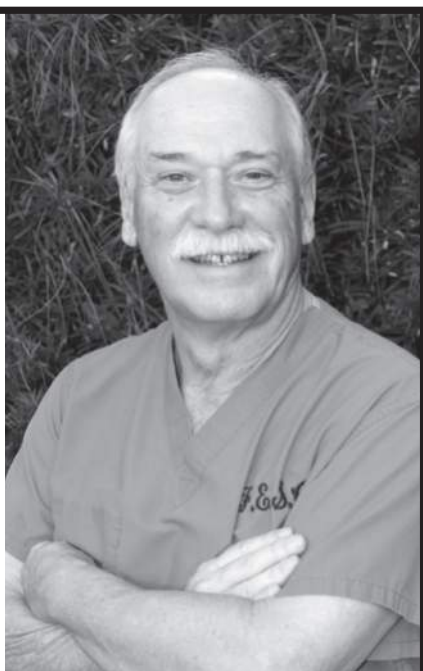
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Fire razes two houses in CK

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A fire of unknown cause razed to the ground Friday night two wood-and-tin houses in Chalan Kanoa, the same block where a blaze also engulfed a single-story structure last month.

Saipan Tribune learned from witnesses that the fire started at about 9pm at a house occu-

pied by Pitiyegedera Satiya, a 44-year-old Sri Lankan and another Sri Lankan named Omar.

Satiya said he and Omar were not at their house when the fire broke out. Satiya said he has no idea what caused the blaze.

Satiya said they had been renting the house from a Korean for two years now.

The fire at Satiya's house quickly spread to the next house occupied by Eden Limes and her family.

Limes, 49, said she was working as a cashier at Viva Poker in Chalan Kanoa when one of her three children called and asked her for the car key because there was a fire.

Limes said when she arrived at the house, police prevented her from approaching the house, which was already engulfed in fire.

Limes said many of their appliances, including a newly purchased refrigerator, were burned into ashes.

She added that a day before the fire, the electric power of their neighbor's where the fire started was cut for allegedly

failing to pay their power bills.

Joshua Limes, 21, said he was in his room when he heard someone shouting "fire" so he went to the back of the house and saw fire from the rooftop of the house of their neighbor.

Joshua Limes said the fire was already big so he and his family panicked and that they could not find the car key. He said they saved only a few valuables because the fire immediately spread to their house.

Fire investigators are still looking into the cause of the blaze.

In 2010, a fire also gobbled the house of the Limes family's neighbor.

Last Oct. 7, a fire broke out in the afternoon at a single-story structure that used to be occupied by CK Pool Hall Bar & Grill in front of the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa.

Police officers interrogated a man who appeared drunk at the scene. After a few minutes, officers handcuffed him and brought him inside a police's vehicle. The man, identified as Jerry Ramon, was released the following day.

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Heinz, Ray: Hope for change still strong despite defections

Independent gubernatorial candidates Heinz S. Hofschneider and Ray N. Yumul remain undaunted by the defection of opposition candidates to the incumbent Inos-Torres campaign. They say Democratic candidate Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero and independent candidate Juan N. Babauta's recent endorsements of the Inos-Torres campaign were expected but they believe this move will not adversely affect their independent campaign.

"We're grateful and proud to be able to say that supporters of the former opposition candidates have in fact already joined the Heinz and Ray campaign," said Hofschneider. "Hope for change is alive and well for this campaign and for our Commonwealth and for our people, and we have faith in the collective wisdom of our people."

"We have been receiving

heartwarming and positive responses from independent and Democratic supporters over the last several days," said Yumul.

The Hofschneider-Yumul campaign said they remain committed to the proposition that the IT camp only offers temporary, band-aid solutions to the Commonwealth's most pressing problems. They said the IT camp has carefully orchestrated the release of Best Sunshine public utility contributions to coincide with the general election and the runoff.

Heinz and Ray said that after two months, when the generous but limited Best Sunshine CUC "vouchers" are expended, the power costs will still be high, that the government coffers will be short and nothing will change until the next election.

The Hofschneider-Yumul campaign added that while the government retirees have

received only part of their previously denied pension, even the Settlement Fund managers have stated publicly that future payments are dependent on the government, which has a long list of creditors, to vendors, to CUC and to private citizens, including those entitled to land compensation payments for the public takings of private lands, which have languished for years.

"Despite a carefully orchestrated election year, 'distributions' or 'vouchers,' the future of the NMIRF is still in question under another Inos administration," said Hofschneider. "Our community is in desper-

ate need of leaders who will abandon the piece-meal, crisis management approach that has been the problem-solving style of our Executive Branch for one

decade—that's 10 years."

"This is a future worth fighting for, and we are confident that the people, in the privacy of the election booth, will see

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daughter on Saipan, an island that has been good to her since she came here in 1992.

The single mother said she couldn't imagine being deported back to the Philippines where her daughter will be bereft of government support like Medicaid and free education through the Public School System.

Villafuerte, who currently works as a house worker, she has little to no chance of landing a job in her native country because on Saipan "as long as you're a hard worker, employers don't discriminate due to age," she said in her

native Tagalog.

"God is good as we're able to continue our harmonious life here on Saipan," she told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview last night.

Violeta Dacana, 56, said the extension of parole would give her a chance to apply for an Employment Authorization Document and hopefully land a job.

The mother of a 16-year-old girl said she was worried that USCIS may not extend the parole program and that she may be forced to return to the Philippines after having called Saipan home since 1989.

Dacana used to work for a garment factory until the industry folded up in the mid-2000s.

The native of Pangasinan, Philippines said she hasn't applied for an EAD yet because she lacks the \$380 filing fee and was denied a fee waiver.

A mother of three who lives in Fina Sisu, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that USCIS' decision is a breath of fresh air for her and her family.

She said she already filed her parole extension with USCIS last month and as soon as she receives her approved application, she will apply for an EAD next so she can finally look for a job.

Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs president Rene Reyes said the USCIS announcement would benefit a lot of alien workers in the CNMI

currently in parole status.

"As we always hope, parole holders will finally be given an extension, especially those who have U.S. citizen children. USCIS must be considerate with this group of people because most of them are victims of labor abuses and the economic downturn."

The existing policy of granting humanitarian parole to eligible immediate relatives of U.S. citizens in the CNMI was due to expire at the end of this year, putting Commonwealth families with non-U.S. citizens at risk of separation.

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the same designated polling places as the general elections and at the same time—from 7am to 7pm.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said the votes will be counted manually, like in the previous runoff election.

Guerrero said the seven-day early voting will start on Nov. 14.

With the CEC boards' certification, it's now official that Inos and Torres, the Republican Party standard-bearer, won with a margin of 1,841 over the independent tandem of Hofschneider-Yumul.

The Inos and Torres tandem garnered a total of 6,342 votes, while Hofschneider-Yumul got a total of 4,501. A total of 13,798 votes were cast in the general elections, or a 76.72 percent voter turnout.

The Inos-Torres machinery got 46.6 percent of the total votes cast, just about 4 percentage points less than the required 50 percent-plus-one rule that

would have resulted in their team being declared the outright winner, preventing a runoff election.

Among those who attended Friday's CEC board meeting were Tinian mayor-elect Joey Patrick San Nicolas (GOP), Tinian senator-elect Jude U. Hofschneider (GOP), incumbent and Tinian senator-elect Francisco Q. Cruz (GOP), and Tinian senator Frank Borja (Ind).

Based on the official election results, former presiding judge Edward Eladio Manibusan defeated attorney Michael N. Evangelista, with 3,887 votes for the position of the first elected attorney general.

For the delegate to the U.S. House, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind) won a fourth term with a landslide against Andrew S. Salas (Dem), 8,549-4,547 or a difference of 4,002 votes.

For two Saipan senatorial positions, former House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (Rep) and former House Rep. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind) won.

For two Tinian senatorial positions, GOP's Lt. Gov. Hofschneider and incumbent Sen.

Francisco Cruz prevailed.

For Saipan mayor, independent David Mundo Apatang defeated his three opponents.

For Tinian mayor, former AG Joey Patrick San Nicolas (GOP) edged his closest rival, incumbent Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz (Ind) with mere seven votes, 703-696.

For Rota mayor, Efrain Manglona Atalig (GOP) defeated incumbent Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola (Ind) with 70 points, 797-227.

For Northern Islands mayor, Francisco Jerome K. Aldan (GOP), prevailed over Vicente C. Santos Jr. (Ind), 94-61.

In the Rota senatorial race, Rep. Teresita Apatang (GOP) and Steve K. Mesngon (GOP) won. Sen. Paul A. Manglona was 54 votes behind Mesngon.

For the six positions covering Precinct 1 for the House, former press secretary Angel A. Demapan (GOP) emerged as the highest top vote getter, 1,935. The five other winners are Edwin K. Propst (Ind), Joseph L.T. Guerrero (GOP), independent Rep. Roman C. Benavente (Ind), independent and House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero, and

independent Rep. Antonio P. Sablan.

For two House seats covering Precinct 2, Republican incumbents John Paul P. Sablan and Rafael S. Demapan won.

For six House positions covering Precinct 3, Rep. Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez (Ind) was the top vote getter among the 11 contenders. The other winners are Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind), Rep. Ralph N. Yumul (Ind), Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind), Anthony T. Benavente (Ind), and Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (GOP).

For two House positions covering Precinct 4, Vinson Edward F. Sablan (Ind) and Rep. George N. Camacho (GOP) prevailed.

For the two positions covering House Precinct 5, Francis S. Taimanao (Ind) and Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind) were victorious.

For one House seat for Tinian, independent Edwin P. Aldan was victorious over his lone rival, Charlene M. Lizama (GOP).

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BETS

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stronger. Ralph and I welcome them and their message of hope into our campaign with open arms," said Inos.

DeLeon Guerrero said he believes the CNMI is better off under the leadership of the Inos-Torres team and that's why the Democratic Party has endorsed the GOP bets.

"While our campaign was not successful as we had hoped, Dan and I are not giving up on our passion to help the people, particularly those who are continuing to struggle daily. After meeting with the team of Inos and Torres, we are confident that our supporters' aspirations will be addressed and our Commonwealth will continue to move forward and grow even stronger."

The Democratic Party standard-bearer also encouraged their supporters to vote for Inos and Torres in the runoff election slated for Nov. 21.

"Our entire slate of candidates, including Tinian, will respectfully ask all their supporters to join us and work to help Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres get elected in the runoff election on November 21st."

Inos said the endorsement of DeLeon Guerrero and Quitugua is critical in helping his administration continue the good works it has done in reviving the islands' economy.

"We are also thankful to the entire slate of candidates who ran on the Democrat ticket under Ed and Dan that are also joining us. With additions of hundreds of supporters every day, our Solutions-Driven Leadership team is gathering more momentum every day."

The campaign of former Juan N. Babauta and Juan S. Torres, meanwhile, endorsed the Inos-Torres tandem in print advertisements on the *Saipan Tribune* today.

However, in a phone interview yesterday afternoon, Babauta said he is still weighing his options but that an announcement on who his cam-

paign will endorse will be out "in a couple of days."

Last Friday, Babauta and his advisers were seen meeting with GOP lieutenants over lunch at the Isla Café of the Kanoa Resort.

In an interview Friday, Babauta said nothing was imminent regarding his camp's endorsement and that they plan also to meet with the party of independent gubernatorial bets Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul.

GOP media coordinator Ivan Blanco, for his part, said they would let Babauta and company decide the best time to announce the endorsement of the Inos-Torres team.

"I will respect Mr. Babauta and defer his announcement of support when he's ready to do so. The GOP is extremely grateful to his support as expressed to the GOP president [James] Ada and CTE (Committee-to-Elect) chair Greg Camacho, GOP officers, Gov. Inos, and Sen. Torres."

Blanco added that like DeLeon Guerrero and the Democratic Party, Babauta only wants a better future for the Commonwealth.

"The gentlemen and their supporters only want to move past the mudslinging and contribute in the best way possible to the ongoing economic and social developments. The GOP welcomes them and looks forward to working with them for the next four years."

NMI Republican Party president James Ada echoed the remarks expressed by the Babauta/Torres and DeLeon Guerrero/Quitugua parties after election night.

"I agree with these fine gentlemen that we should look on the positive side and run a clean campaign. One that is inclusive of all residents of the CNMI regardless of political affiliation. In the end, if we are fortunate, we will all be serving the same purpose for the benefit of everyone in the CNMI."

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WIVES

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children—a 21-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old son.

Hai Ren Li has two sisters on Saipan. One owns a store.

The sister told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the wives and children have not seen the bodies yet at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue.

The sister, who requested not to be identified, said they are planning to have the bodies cremated before bringing them back to China.

As of yesterday, it was not clear yet whether Guam chief medical examiner Aurelio Espinola has already conducted an autopsy on the bodies.

The Li victims were last seen in the afternoon of Oct. 31 when they left their respective houses

in As Lito and San Antonio to work at their farm in As Gonno between 12pm and 2:30pm.

On Nov. 1, part of a large group of Chinese community members that helped in the search found Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma that was abandoned under some *tangan-tangan* trees a few steps from the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno. That same day, the searchers recovered items that belonged to Hai Ren Li strewn in the grassy area of a big field located along Tun Kioshi Road, behind the unfinished castle-shaped hotel.

The following day, June 2, searchers found the victims' bodies at the old airport runway in Koberville.

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San Nicolas wants to prioritize scholarship, medical referral

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REPORTER

Tinian mayor-elect Joey Patrick San Nicolas said Friday that he wants to raise the bar as far as public services are concerned when he comes to office.

"We want to prioritize scholarship and medical referral," said San Nicolas in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* shortly after the Commonwealth Election Commission board certified the results of the general and special elections.

San Nicolas and Tinian senator-elect Jude Hofschneider, view with *Saipan Tribune* shortly after the Commonwealth Election Commission board certified the results of the general and special elections.

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Tinian senator-elect Francisco Cruz and other elected Tinian officials attended the CEC board meeting on Friday.

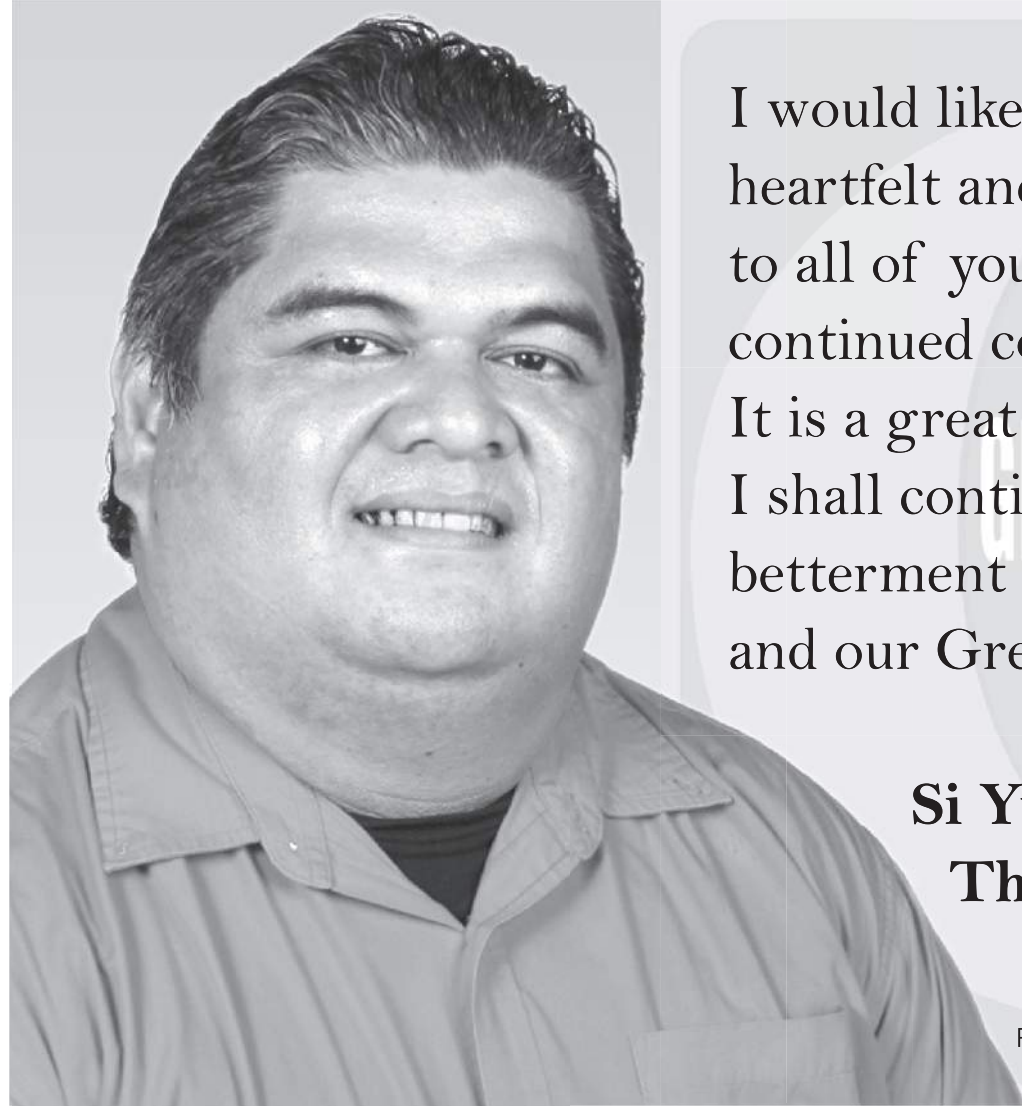
San Nicolas said they want to get projects completed so the island can move forward both economically and socially.

"Our community is in dire need of an influx of economic growth and an improvement in the infrastructure," said the 41-year-old San Nicolas, who is a former attorney general.

The mayor-elect says he is humbled by the election results, where he edged incumbent mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz (Ind) by a mere seven votes.

"I'm happy that it's done so we can all move forward as we try to make Tinian a better place to live, a better place to work, and a better place to invest," he said.

San Nicolas said he commends Dela Cruz for a spirited campaign. He added that he looks forward to working closely with Dela Cruz in the next couple of months as they transition to a new administration.



I would like to extend the most heartfelt and sincere appreciation to all of you. I am humbled by your continued confidence and faith in me. It is a great honor to serve you and I shall continue to work hard for the betterment of the People of Precinct 4 and our Great Commonwealth.

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Old guard, new faces recognize CNMI challenges

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Both veteran legislators and Capital Hill greenhorns who won in Tuesday's general elections recognize the many issues currently plaguing the CNMI, but all of them assured they are ready to buckle down to work when the 19th Legislature opens in January 2015.

One of the old guards returning to the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building is Tinian senator Francisco Q. Cruz, who said he will continue to work hard not only for the people of Tinian but the entire CNMI.

"I'm very happy for winning the election because it's very important to me to serve my people in my capacity fairly and equally. The Tinian Legislative

Delegation will continue to deliver services to the people of the island."

He said he would continue to prioritize issues like the problems besetting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Cruz said he will also make sure retirees continue to get 100 percent of their pensions.

"It can't be done by one person but if everyone is unified we could overcome obstacles," he added.

Former House speaker Arnold Palacios is returning to the Legislature, this time as a senator.

"I'm very appreciative and overwhelmed by the outcome. ... There are a lot of challenges ahead of us and I do hope that

those of us who won enjoy your victory and then buckle down to work and start thinking how we are going to engage in facing some of the challenges that we have in the Commonwealth."

He agrees with Cruz that the high cost of utilities on the islands is a big concern that should be addressed.

"The biggest priority right now is CUC. The high cost of utilities is killing our economy. It's really hurting us. Another big issue is the military buildup. Between the Executive Branch, our congressional delegate, Legislature, and mayors we need to fully engage on this. We're really behind and we need to do a lot of catching up."

House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero, who won his re-election bid in Precinct 1,

said aside from looking for alternative sources of energy to ease the islands' dependence on fossil fuel, he would also work to help fix the problems of the islands' lone public hospital.

DeLeon Guerrero said rising criminality on the islands is also an issue that should be prioritized. He also believes there's a correlation between the high crime rate and the proliferation of illegal drugs in the CNMI.

Two greenhorns coming to the Legislature who used to be locked horns—Angel Demapan and Edwin Propst—now agree that all hands on deck are needed to move the Commonwealth forward.

Demapan, who like DeLeon Guerrero will represent Precinct 1, said one of his priorities

would be to prepare the local workforce once the five-year extension of the CW program expires in 2019.

"I'd like to look at the workforce issue because I truly believe that this five-year extension that was given to us is maybe the last chance we get. So if we don't seriously take a look at that and don't come together and formulate a comprehensive plan, then we will find ourselves in trouble if we're not prepared. We need to be prepared and engage all stakeholders. We need to engage the community and the public sector," said Demapan, who is the first ever former Youth Congress member (1998-2000) to be elected to the Legislature.

Propst said he would work to

make the Legislature a more transparent branch of government during his tenure.

"I want to embrace the Open Government Act and make sure our Legislature is transparent and open to our community. Under my watch, all legislation should benefit the people and there would be no special interest legislation," said the incoming representative from Precinct 1.

Like Demapan, Propst's election to the House is also historic as he is the first non-indigenous to win a seat in the local legislature.

"My priority is to improve the standard of living of our people. I also want to be deeply involved in our precinct by volunteering my free time whenever possible. I also want to work in providing more affordable power for our people."

Man interrupts Bible study, breaks window, attacks man

A retired police sergeant managed to subdue a man who had barged into a Bible study at Grace Christian Ministries in Kagman III, interrupted a pastor, and attacked a person on Wednesday night.

Retired police sergeant Sylvan Rangamar held suspect Patrick Tudela Gibo in a "rear naked choke" position until two responding police officers arrived and secured Gibo in handcuffs.

Gibo, 36, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief. His bail was set at \$1,500 cash Friday.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that people were about to start a Bible study at Grace Christian Ministries on Wednesday at about 6:30pm to 7pm, when Gibo interrupted the pastor by

standing up during the session and talking while the pastor was speaking.

Gibo asked the pastor to pray for him, which the people did. After the prayer, Gibo went outside to get some fresh air and water but returned after a few minutes with a fire extinguisher. He then allegedly hit the window of Grace Christian Ministries with the fire extinguisher, shattering the glass.

When a man tried to calm him down, Gibo instead allegedly punched him repeatedly in the face and body. Gibo then became wild, screaming and cussing that he wanted to die.

Retired Sgt. Rangamar, who happened to be in the area, learned about the commotion, came in and held Gibo until the two policemen arrived. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Alert retired cop steps in, grabs suspect

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans Day ceremony tomorrow

The Office of the Governor, CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office, and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the public to the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor on Nov. 11, 2014, Tuesday, at 11am. (PR)

Fall Festival at Kagman center

The Kagman Community Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival at the Kagman Community Center on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2pm to 6pm. Activities include a Dessert Competition, 3V3 Basketball Tournament, bouncy houses, games, and face painting for the kids, photos, food, and lots of prizes. Everything is free! Entries for the Dessert Competition need to be in between 2pm and 3pm in order to be judged. There will be an adult and children's category.

The 3 versus 3 Basketball Tournament registration will be from 2pm to 3pm and the Tournament will start at 3pm. For more information, email info@kagman.church or call 256-8171. (PR)

USS Michael Murphy visits Guam

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from USS *Michael Murphy* volunteered their time during a port call in Guam over the weekend. Sailors worked with the Island Beautification Task Force to clean up an area of Swamp Road in the village of Dededo last Saturday.

Michael Murphy, homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, is a guided-missile destroyer named for Lt. Michael P. Murphy, a Navy SEAL and a New York native who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during Operation Red Wing in Afghanistan in 2005. (PR)



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Nissan recall of 52,000 vehicles for faulty air bags include CNMI

NEW YORK (AP)—Nissan announced Saturday that it is recalling more than 52,000 vehicles for passenger air bags that can explode with too much force and send shards of metal into the passenger compartment.

The vehicles have air bag systems made by troubled Japanese supplier Takata Corp. The Nissan recalls are among nearly 8 million others made by 10 automakers, mainly in Southern high-humidity states, over the Takata air bags.

The recall affects the Infiniti FX35 and FX45 from 2003 to 2005, Infiniti I35 from 2003 and 2004 and Infiniti M35 and M45 from 2006. Also affected are Nissan Pathfinders from 2003 and 2004 and Nissan

Sentras from 2004 to 2006.

In total, 52,738 vehicles are involved.

The newly recalled vehicles were sold or registered in 12 high-humidity states and territories. The humidity can cause the air bag propellant to burn too fast and potentially blow apart the metal canisters. The problem has been linked to four deaths.

Affected states and territories include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Saipan, Guam and American Samoa.

Takata controls about 22 percent of the global air bag market. The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-

ministration is investigating whether Takata and automakers that use its air bags acted quickly enough once the de-

fects were suspected.

Nissan announced a small recall of two Infiniti models late last month also tied to

Takata-made air bags. That recall affected some 1,800 Infiniti QX56 SUVs from 2013 and the Infiniti QX80 from 2014.

The Tokyo-based Nissan Motor Co. says it will notify owners and replace the air bag inflator for free.

NMC pushes on with facility upgrades

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The Northern Marianas College is pushing on with facility upgrades but major reconstruction to its campus remains a no-go.

One upgrade, a \$300,000 bid to convert its campus to energy-efficient air-conditioning, has received responses from companies and will soon be awarded, according to Board of Regents member

William Torres, who chairs the fiscal committee on facilities.

Also in the works is a plan to apply for an Office of Insular Affairs grant for solar energy conversion. Torres said the college had “good chances” of receiving this award.

Of the \$270,000 OIA grant received last month for facility upgrades, Torres said the board hopes the college will use a portion of those funds for the student parking lot in front of Building A.

The site is notorious for a ditch that often fills with stagnant water. Torres said money from the grant could be used to put a grid on the drainage in the area. He described the flooding as “unhealthy.”

Torres said there is still “so much to work on” in regards to NMC’s campus, which was built on or about 1955 as a single-story, semi-concrete hospital.

“What we really need is new construction,” he said yesterday.

In 2011 the board adopted a master plan for construction. In 2012, As Terlaje was set as the permanent location for NMC for the next 15 years. Also that year, an ad-hoc task force committee was formed to address the issue, according to board minutes.

It was reported that over \$1 million were spent for on the four master plan designs.

This year, NMC completed

renovations to its Building K and reroofing of several other buildings using \$800,000 in OIA money. This money was awarded six years ago in 2008.

Torres said \$144,000 of that amount remained as of 2014.

In March, financing options for the master plan were presented to NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. They included general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, or a conventional loan.

For federal funding options, the college looked to Guam where U.S. Department of Agriculture loans, OIA CIP funds, and U.S. Department of Education grants were availed of to develop facilities in the community college and university there.

It was reported that no CIP funds for NMC were allotted for 2015, according to the CNMI CIP spending plan submitted to the Office of Insular Affairs.

Message of Appreciation

Hafa Adai, Tiroow, and Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and profound appreciation to my family, friends, Committee-to-elect members, and all our supporters for the love and support you have unselfishly extended to me throughout this incredible journey.

Our team and I ran a campaign the best way we knew how and, more importantly, did it with respect and humility. Our people have spoken and I respect their decision. While the election is over, my determination and love for our islands has only gotten stronger.

As I had done by phone on the morning after Election Day, I would like to once again extend my congratulations and best wishes to our first elected Attorney General, former Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan.

Congratulations and best of luck as well to all the successful candidates in this year’s election, and thank you to all those who offered to serve our people!

Once again, Olomwaay, Si Yu’us Ma’asi, Salamat Po, and a heartfelt Thank You!

God Bless our CNMI!!

Michael Norita Evangelista

NEWS BRIEFS

AMP tennis courts now open

The American Memorial Park announced Friday that the recently renovated park tennis courts will be open to the public beginning Nov. 8, 2014. The project was reviewed by NPS Pacific West Regional Civil Engineer Scott Henrickson on Oct. 29, 2014, with a brief list of required project tasks being presented to the contractor for completion.

In accordance with federal contracting and procurement regulation, the contractor had until Nov. 26, 2014, to complete the project requirements. However, the contractor was able to finish the final required tasks ahead of schedule and presented the work for review. Henrickson reviewed the completed work and gave approval to open the tennis courts to the public. (NPS)

Labor violations found at 2 A. Samoa stores

American Samoa-based Ocean Star Enterprises Inc., doing business as Pacific Mini Mart in Tafuna and as Ocean Star Enterprise Inc. in Nu’uuli, has agreed to pay \$23,922 in back wages to seven employees following an investigation by the Wage and Hour Division.

Investigators found that the employer paid a fixed salary to several employees without regard to the number of weekly hours actually worked.

“The payment of a guar-

anteed salary to front-line convenience store employees does not waive their entitlement to a base retail sector minimum wage of \$4.60 per hour and overtime premium pay for hours worked after 40 in a workweek,” said Terence Trotter, the division’s district director in Hawaii. (USDOL)

NMC hosts Movie Night tonight

The Northern Marianas College’s College Access Challenge Grant program is inviting everyone to attend a Movie Night event tonight, Nov. 10, 2014, at 6:30pm at the NMC South Field (across from the NMC Gymnasium).

In addition to featuring the film *The Expendables 3* at 6:30pm the pre-movie activities will include a brief presentation about preparing for college (e.g., college success, student life, financial aid, and time and money management, etc.).

The fun-filled event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and snacks will be sold by vendors. Also, note that the film is rated PG-13, which means that minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

This event is also sponsored by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

For more information or inquiries, contact Hedwig Hofschneider at (670) 237-6784 or visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

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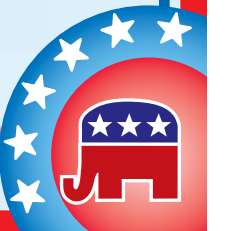
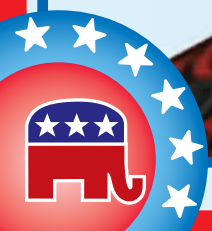
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their supporters. They ran great campaigns and spoke passionately
about their vision for the CNMI.

We want you to know that we heard your voices and if elected, we will work with
you to find the best solutions to the challenges facing our Commonwealth.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Team of Inos and Torres will be meeting
with all of the residents of the Commonwealth as we continue demonstrating that
our passion for the people and finding solutions is genuine.



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With campaigns done, now Obama and GOP must lead

Republicans' resounding midterm gains include a U.S. Senate majority and greater House dominance, but they still go only so far in achieving what voters really want: superior governance.

The team-sport aspect of American politics, with all its flaws, does produce winners and losers, as we saw Tuesday. Now what Americans demand is a government that advances solutions and better solves problems.

Both teams, Republican and Democrat, have been guilty of arrogance and overreach. This election also makes clear that both sides also need each other. Republicans, who will control all of Congress in January, must show they can do more than obstruct the president and his party.

This means more John Cornyn and less Ted Cruz and his one-way-street approach. It's possible to remain conservative and still work across the aisle; in fact, it's a requirement in today's divided government.

And President Barack Obama needs to do more than pay lip service to compromise if he hopes to build a real legacy in his final two years. This means fewer threats to impose executive action fixes to big problems, like immigration reform, and more coalition-building with actual lawmakers.

Words matter, but actions matter more. We want to believe key figures in both parties sending signals that compromise is the new player in Washington. Then we remember hearing similar words after every election. Eventually, we catch on.

Instead, what we want is to see our executive and legislative branch leaders actually lead. A good time to test-drive this is during the lame-duck session before the new Congress is seated in January.

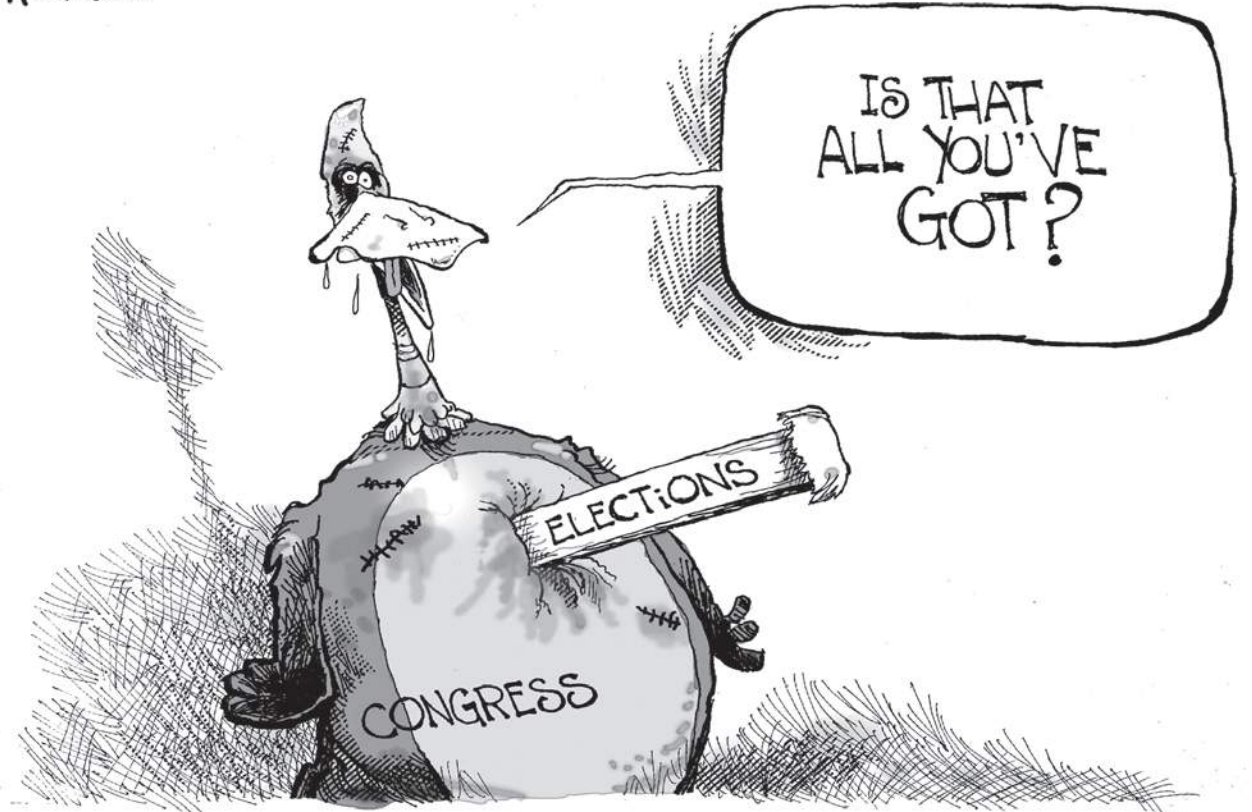
One must-do is the matter of funding the federal government, as a stopgap measure expires Dec. 11—precisely the kind of measure that has caused past D.C. governance to grind to a halt. Other issues are stalled Obama nominations and whether to renew a series of expired tax breaks. These, too, will require give and take.

This newspaper has been critical of congressional Republicans for their obstinacy—and will remain so if they continue on that path. Poll after poll shows Congress at historic approval lows. Yet it's also true that voters sent a clear message Tuesday to Obama that the pox is on both houses.

In a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll released on the eve of the vote, two-thirds of Americans said they wanted to see "a great deal" or "quite a bit" of change in the way Obama does business. Even among self-described Democrats, 47 percent said they want substantial change from the president.

The Democrats' dramatic losses—seven or more Senate seats, more than a dozen in the House and three blue state governorships, including in Obama's Illinois—only served to reinforce the polling dissatisfaction.

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A solitary, single, selfie, shopping day

Our understanding of the solitary soul is the epitome of self-awareness vis a vis wholeness, whether in hedonistic sensuality, the self-affirming sense of merging with the One among the mystics and desert monastics, the self-negating Buddhist chant, or the self-surrender to Nothing that is core in Islam.

After numerous terminations of intimate relationships, I've taken to the solitary lifestyle without any problem. Being solitary, however, is not necessarily being single. It is an understanding that sees one's being as totally and profoundly being alone!

China has an addiction to numbers' games, including repetitions of markings in time. For instance, *Yuan Dan*, one-one, is New Year's; *Qi Qi*, seven-seven, is the day of hearts, like Valentine's; *Jiu-jiu* is nine-nine, for elders; 10-10 was Sun Yat Sen's national movement, taken by Chiang Kai Shek to Taipei, downplayed though not ignored in Beijing. There are others. Eleven-eleven is auspiciously *Guang Gun Jie*, a parents' day to look for a suitable partner for their "single" offspring.

The romantic impulse in marital pairings is new in Chinese marriages. With "one child only" in China's urban centers in the last two decades, and where girls by 18 are socially pressured to be child bearing, tomorrow's Single's Day sees organized efforts at public parks by parents promoting to other parents the gifts and virtues of their children. Romance is fine but parents still command their children's "say so." Marriage fits into that category, though not for long.

The "selfie" is the art form of the times. The art is technically possible by default in the smartphone industry, universally welcomed though often condemned in some quarters for their focus on the "self," a biased that is deeply rooted in missionary-led civilizations from the day Eve grabbed the apple in the Garden of Eden story, later evolving into the thinking that preoccupation with self is similar to "original sin".

I am not a fan of Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, though a foray into Texas' Sugarland through the old Compaq Center introduced me to the megachurch he pastors with his wife. The zeal Victoria recently articulated got them some press ink. She said: "When you come to church, when you worship Him, you're not doing it for God really. You're doing it for yourself, because that's what makes God happy."

Critics dubbed their ministry as "me-centered," a version of cheap Christianity since the Osteens injected pentecostal emotions into their Southern Baptist-dom. Maybe. But "me" as today's operating context is no longer as vilified as it was in the previous era of Western psychology where "ego" was a no-no.

Of his jail cell, the late Nelson Mandela wrote: "The cell is

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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an ideal place to know yourself. People tend to measure themselves by external accomplishments, but jail allows a person to focus on internal ones, such as honesty, sincerity, simplicity, humility, generosity and an absence of variety. You learn to look into yourself." Religious intensity in the molding of self-consciousness is a welcome phenomenon.

I am a student of the human journey seen in world religions and cultures. It is clear that previous description of "godhead," couched in the language of eternity and infinity, in celebration of a culture as golden age or utopia, redounds to the rich texture of "selfhood." In post-Vatican II, names like Bultmann, Tillich, Bonhoeffer, and the Niebuhr brothers among Protestants are mentioned with Chardin, Rahner, Gutierrez, Illich, Kung, Rahner, and Schillebeeckx of our Roman Catholic familiarity, quoted as individuals in varied traditions expounding an existential understanding of human profundity vs. the previous pious collective groupie-ness.

The "self" denigrated by a term like "selfish" misses the point of the authenticity of human experience. We do not aim to glorify ego; we recognize self-consciousness as the beginning point of knowing anything; otherwise there is no wisdom at all.

Shopping Da\$ started in China on 11-11 four years ago, replacing the Single's Day frenzy. Crass commercialism is now unmistakable, as the young are more anxious if they will have enough money for the "sale" that they hope to spend their earnings on, rather than locate a mate. Spending day now has the single's heart!

Friends are steeped in the language of eternity and profundity against a veiled self-deprecating, apologetic tone on self-awareness. A necessary task for most religions still treads on the "other world" dream, a promise of heavenly bliss, or in the "spirit" of condemning matter as evil. It is time to move out of the "other world in the midst of this world" language and celebrate the boundaries of selfhood directly within the walls of one's finitude.

The frenzy tomorrow is to shop 'til you drop. I prefer focusing on the single self. To be is. Simply. In time, location, and role. That's my story and I am sticking to it!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**CNMI dead last for change**

We just had an election that proved my prediction that a majority of voters want new leadership and change. But the CNMI still dead last in too many categories of economic quality and prosperity and now Guam has even eclipsed the CNMI again with the legalization of medical marijuana. If the governor or Ralph were smart they would piggy-back Guam's marijuana law and get an executive order out today allowing CNMI doctors to write marijuana prescriptions and allow residents to fill them from Guam via our pharmacy but Inos doesn't think we are ready yet. I don't think any of the candidates know how many people really want to see pot legalized and there are a lot of voters! I had written a comprehensive draft for legalization before the election but I was not able to get any candidate to endorse and we all know why—they were scared!

We can see what Inos has accomplished by stepping out on the casino and leading even though he was dead wrong, violating the Democratic principles of governing by the people. He is short of being a man of principles and almost won and could still win in the runoff if enough voters are gullible and weak to their own desire for new leadership. But what did Inos say about change when asked to consider a ferry system that everyone knows we need? He said we are not ready for that yet and killed it. When he was asked about the legalization of marijuana, he said we are not ready for that yet and killed that. When asked about the CW transition, he said in so many words we are not ready for that yet. The only thing Inos thought we were ready for was the casino but after 10 years of politicking for a casino he still doesn't have a place to build it—it looks like Inos was not ready yet. The funny part for me and the ridiculous part for voters is that people were never asked about any of these things the governor said we are not ready for yet!

We the people can't continue to allow our governor to dictate what we are or are not ready for on major issues, that is a job for the people he works for and if we don't elect Heinz we will still have a dictator for a governor while the rest of the world continues to leave us in their economic wake, especially on the issue of wages and marijuana legalization. FYI readers, the marijuana industry is the ideal industry to generate business revenues to increase wages and there are many young locals leaving for Washington State because it is legal. We are already losing one of our most precious resources from being dead last to change. In fact, I took a personal survey in Portland at the baseball tournament and Washington State may have the highest number of locals now and it happened almost overnight sparked by legalization.

So whoever wins the governor's seat can look for me to come knocking again for the people who want to see marijuana legalized. At least with pot I know I will be appreciated and highly supported throughout the CNMI! The marijuana issue is a perfect example of why we need to apply the sciences in our government and less politics: The law I will propose is for a three-year moratorium on marijuana laws to be replaced by substitute laws that will allow the CNMI to experiment with all aspects of legalization. At the end of the third year, the people will be able to vote on the legalization issue based on their own pragmatic observation without the influence of politics. This approach will help us to move faster and prevent legalization from being a political issue and becoming the true social

experiment that it should be.

The proposed law will also mandate all sales of marijuana and products with marijuana to be a state operation run by the CNMI government. Private citizens will have limits to the number of plants and there will be restrictions for proximity to schools and accessibility as you can't just plant pot on your front lawn—yet. There is also a safety net if the people think things are getting out of hand with the moratorium as it can be terminated by the governor just as easily as it was created. However, a government operation is the best, safest, and most controlled approach to legalization. The moratorium period can easily make hundreds of millions in the three-year span for the CNMI and save the CNMI a lot of time and unnecessary political headaches as we know that it is just a matter of time anyway before we have to consider legalization—so why wait until we have to because that is what has gotten us last Place in America for wages, good jobs, and economic growth.

I don't know what either candidate for governor will do on legalization but the results in Guam is a clear indicator that our next governor needs to get busy legalizing marijuana or we will be dead last as the majority of states in America have now legalized marijuana or is planning to legalize it in one form or another. I will be working to bring the CNMI a billion dollar industry that is already established in the states and I'm sure the next governor is going to have a hard time telling me and the many silent ones that we are not ready for that yet.

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

Thank you!

Thank goodness that the election is over! Well, except for the runoff that is. First and foremost, I would like to thank God almighty for giving me the strength throughout my campaign. I would like to thank my wife and children for bearing with me while I go out house-to-house for five months thrice a week. I would like to thank my committee-to-elect, family, and most especially my supporters during the election. Although I did not won a seat, I gained the love and respect you gave me when I met each one of you at your door. My apologies to those who I didn't meet eye-to-eye but may have received my card when you were not home.

A big congratulations to all the winners who won a seat. To my longtime friend Ed Propst, I told you you'll get a seat. To uncle Roman Benavente, I too told you there was no doubt in my mind you'll win again. Moving forward, I ask that every member work together and put political differences aside and vote on legislation beneficial to us locals. I expect the 19th Legislature to deliver by giving the authority to the people. We are the voice of the government.

Keep this in mind, though, that the key to revive this weak economy is to employ the thousands of our local Chamorro and Carolinians. There is no other way than this. And that is the democratic way! We are the backbone of this great Commonwealth and I believe that \$100 million a year can be made and spent here in the CNMI when our local people are in control of the workforce.

To all candidates like me who didn't make it, do not be discouraged. Never give up and always try and try again. We are all in this together and we are all winners here! We gave it our best! Let us remember that we should appreciate the gift of life and family and that we keep healthy and that you keep your pride in the balance.

There will always be an election.

In closing, a big thank you to my Democratic Party brothers for the opportunity. We are a family. It was a fun and a great experience for all of us. Not today, not tomorrow but one day, the Democratic Party will come out an unstoppable powerhouse. Thank you and God bless the CNMI!

Vince Go Cabrera

Chalan Piao, Saipan

Nonsensical subterfuge

There have been two commentaries published in your newspaper about the Catholic bishops' synod on family. It seems to me that the writers want to lay a foundation for the recognition of same-sex marriage as an acceptable marriage in the Catholic Church.

The idea that divorced Catholics and gays should be welcomed to the Catholic Church is a subterfuge, which is a seed of chaos that will cause the great schism predicted by the Blessed Mother in her message to Sister Sasagawa in Akita, Japan.

This nonsense of welcoming divorced persons and gays to the Catholic Church is totally unnecessary. For almost 2,000 years the Church has had an unbroken and unwavering doctrine that sinners cannot receive the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ if they have an unforgiven mortal sin. It has never made a difference whether the person is heterosexual or homosexual or married or single. Mortal sin separates a person from God and makes him or her unworthy to receive His body and blood in the Holy Communion.

As far the church buildings are concerned, no one, whether sinner or saint, has ever been prohibited from entering therein and attending Mass. So what is this nonsensical welcoming of divorced persons and gays all about? Every sinner is always welcome to the church, and the light of the sacrament of penance (also known as sacrament of reconciliation) shines in the heart of every sinner and beckons him or her to be reconciled with God if he/she is repentant, promises to sin no more, and seeks God's forgiveness through the priest in the confessional. That is the welcoming light for all sinners, including gays engaged in homosexual sex and divorced persons who continue to have sex with their second spouses.

Reynaldo O. Yana

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Abuse of govt property

Michael Pai: I have witnessed a pre-election incident involving the Department of Public Works heavy equipment that was used to clear a piece of property in the Dandan polling site this past Nov. 3. The heavy equipment used was a John Deere backhoe marked "DPW" that was used to clear a GOP campaign site.

I believe this is a clear abuse of CNMI government law on uses of government-owned property and manpower not for a public purpose. This is a shame to those who resort to abusive means that destroys the public trust and clearly proves that the person or persons in government office have no respect and have stolen and used for personal gains public property and manpower and fuel. I demand that an immediate investigation into this matter be conducted.

Vince Pangelinan

Dandan, Saipan

OBAMA

From Page 11

Americans have seen far too much of government that doesn't work over the past six years. They've also made it clear that they've about had enough.

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We could be entering politics' dark age

So-called dark-money groups spent 27 percent more on this year's elections than they did in 2010, thanks to reckless Supreme Court decisions and regulatory failures allowing unlimited, undisclosed political contributions. The groups hide donors behind the tax code, disguising themselves as

"social welfare" organizations. In fact, they are an increasingly powerful and poisonous political force.

Analysts say they are just beginning to flex their muscles in preparation for the main event: the 2016 presidential election.

The Internal Revenue Service, which is supposed to ensure that social-welfare organizations are not political in nature, has failed miserably. The agency's initial stab at researching the groups was a national embarrassment, though reports that it targeted conservative groups were exaggerated. A Senate investigation concluded that the agency subjected liberal groups to the same inappropriate treatment.

The scandal showed that the IRS was ill-equipped to police political spending, struggling to distinguish between genuine social-welfare groups and political groups gussied up to look like them. So imagine how tough it is for voters to tell the difference.

Neither Congress nor the president has shown much interest in reining in these groups, though, partly because they benefit from the avalanches of ads they finance.

According to a study by the Center for Responsive Politics and the Wesleyan Media Project, most of this year's ads favored Republicans. Typically, dark-money groups run the most negative and

misleading ads, aimed at confusing voters and often keeping them home on Election Day. And because they don't have to disclose the sources of their money, contributors don't have to answer to customers, shareholders, or anyone else who may disagree with their politics. But they can make sure the candidates know who's helping them out.

The Center for Responsive Politics study also showed that the increase in outside political spending—including dark-money groups and those that disclose their donors infrequently, like super-PACs—coincided with a decrease in candidate and party spending. That's too bad, because candidate and party ads tend to be less vitriolic and more transparent. If the trend continues, expect elections to grow even uglier.

It is encouraging that the IRS is writing guidelines for the groups involved. The existing rules say that social-welfare groups' main purpose should not be political, which has to be taken to mean that most of their money should not be spent on politics. But it's doubtful that anyone is checking. The IRS needs better rules and the capacity to enforce them by 2016.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

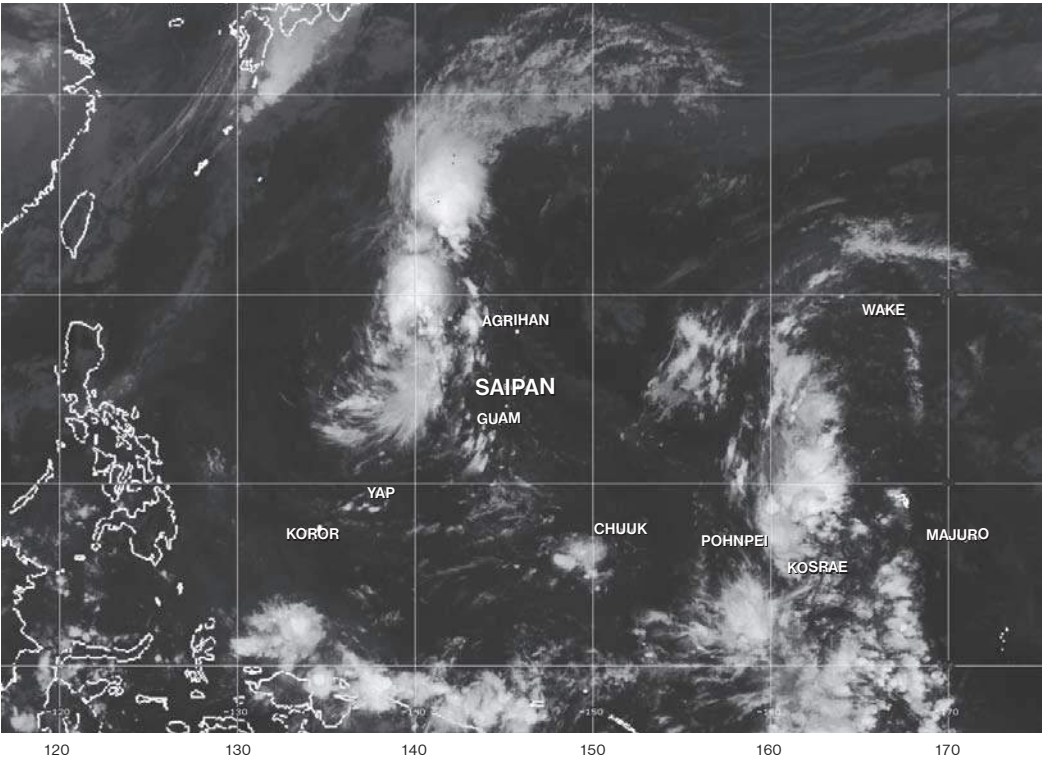
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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough curves northward from southwest of Chuuk at 1N147E through a broad circulation centered east of Koror at 8N140E to end near 25N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Iwo To island to west of the Marianas within 130 miles of a line from 25N142E to 13N138E and south of Koror or south of a line from 3N130E to 4N134E to 1N138E. A surface trough extends northward from EQ164E through a weak circulation centered southwest of Kosrae at 4N162E to end west-northwest of Wake Island at 21N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms exist across portions of Pohnpei and Kosrae states to southwest of Wake Island within 180 miles of a line from 1N158E to 12N163E to 17N161E and also within 130 miles of a line from 14N157E to 19N155E. Similar conditions are present south of Kwajalein or south of a line from EQ163E to 7N167E to 1N169E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the national weather service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the national weather service guam homepage: www.Prh.Noaa.Gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼35
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼69
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼70
London	Mostly Sunny	▲56	▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲73	▼55
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼74
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼45
Miami	Showers	▲78	▼63
New York	Sunny	▲59	▼48
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼52
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼45
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼49
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲54	▼37
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼45
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼52
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲64	▼43

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
10:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:43 PM	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:35 PM	9:50 AM
Wednesday	10:25 PM	10:38 AM
Thursday	11:14 PM	11:22 AM
Friday		12:04 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
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DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
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UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
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5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

SDA Clinic donates \$60K for SDA School scholarships

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The Seventh-Day Adventist Dental Clinic on Saipan has donated \$60,000 to the Seventh Day Adventist School for its needs-based scholarship program.

The scholarships will be awarded to students ranging from Kindergarten to the eight-grade, according to Michael Berglund, principal of SDA School.

"You are creating dreams," he told staff and doctors present during a presentation of thanks from SDA students held at the clinic on Friday.

The clinic has also donated \$40,000 to pave the school's parking lot, Berglund said.

"It's great. I'm really excited. We love having these students in school," he added.

He said the scholarships would help the school continue to "blend backgrounds," as they enjoy having students from different parts of the community attend their school.

The scholarships, Berglund, said should account for 30 percent of the student's tuition.



Seventh Day Adventist School scholars thank SDA Clinic last Friday for their \$60,000 donation for the school's need-based scholarships.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Students apply for these scholarships, he said, and they are needs based.

Quincy Chichen, who presented a poster of appreciation to the clinic along with Langting Sizemore, said her mother told last summer she would be attending another school unless she gets a job or scholarships to help pay her tuition. Chichen didn't want that. She thanked the clinic for helping her continue her studies at SDA.

The students also played a vid-

eo clip of thanks during the visit.

In other SDA news, their "principals list" for the first quarter has been announced. The list includes: Dennis Ahn, Chloe Berglund, Kyle Diesta, Jenna Qui, Mikiya Takizawa, Mynie Olopai, Vaniqa Torres, Jacqlene Torres, Mika Camacho, Jedric Aniciete, Kimberly Buan, Gqanpil Son, Victoria Duhon, JinA Choi, Russel Yoon, En Ming Cacdac, Quincy Chichen, Langting Sizemore, and Erin Yoon.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ADDENDUM NO. 1 11/7/14 ITB15-GOV-003

Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices

The previously advertised Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices has been amended. The specific amendment is to include a pre-bid conference meeting, change of date to submit questions, and extend bid due date. The ITB shall read as follows:

There will be a pre-bid conference meeting and site visit for this project on Friday, November 14, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the DPS Administration Office in Susupe. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 21, 2014 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB15-GOV-003". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 2, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 2, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 2, 2014 and must be received no later than December 11, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 12, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on December 2, 2014.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the CIP Office during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) at (670) 664-2374 or by fax at (670) 664-2408.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 15-01

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

ARCHITECT / PROJECT MANAGER

Location: SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

Grade: CL-30, \$78,936 - \$97,657 starting pay depending on qualifications, plus 13.84% COLA

Limited Term (18 to 24 Months) Full-Time. Must be able to start by February 2, 2015.

Opening Date: Nov. 7, 2014 **CLOSING DATE: Dec. 2, 2014**

Position Overview:

The Architect/Project Manager provides technical advice and project management for new courthouse construction. Assists the court in planning, design, oversight, coordination, and problem solving for all aspects of construction. Complete position description is available upon request, or via Internet at <http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov>. This position includes full federal employment benefits, with paid leave and holidays, health insurance, life insurance and federal retirement benefits.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from a U.S. Accredited Institution in architecture, interior design, engineering, planning, or similar disciplines. • Minimum of four years specialized experience in project management. • Thorough knowledge and understanding of concepts used by the various disciplines related to space project development, facility planning, architectural and interior design, and project management. • Thorough knowledge of and skill in using computer technology; excellent technical abilities in working with spreadsheets, databases, AutoCAD, and word processing. • Ability to read, analyze and interpret specifications, technical procedures, and governmental regulations. • Ability to effectively communicate by presenting and responding to input and questions from peers, court managers, consultants, contractors, and judges, both verbal and written.

Citizenship Requirement:

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or aliens who are authorized to work in the U.S.

Notice to Applicants:

Excepted service appointments are "at will" and may be terminated by either the court or the employee at any time for any reason. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Employees are subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct. Direct deposit of pay required.

Application Procedure:

Each applicant is required to submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and an AO-78 application form. AO-78 forms are on the Internet at: <http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov> or may be picked up at the U.S. District Court. Deadline for receipt of applications at the Clerk of Court office in Saipan is Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014.

Deliver signed applications to:

Clerk of Court

United States District Court

for the Northern Mariana Islands

2nd Floor, Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipan

Or, email signed applications to:

HR@nmid.uscourts.gov

The United States District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Tudela: No to 'cookie-cutter' appropriation bills

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

Aside from seeking a share of Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) two appropriation bills, Saipan Mayor Marian Dlg. Tudela has urged him not to use a "cookie-cutter" approach on the bills and reconsider how appropriations should be distributed.

Tebuteb's two appropriation bills—House Local Bill 18-63, which seeks to appropriate \$3.264 million in poker fee revenue in fiscal year 2015, and House Local Bill 18-64, which seeks to appropriate additional collections—seems very "repetitious," according to Tudela.

HLB 18-63 states that \$3 million will go to the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program and \$100,000 will be used for SHEFA operations. Some \$25,000 will go to the Saipan Little League; \$15,000 for the Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival; \$5,000 for the Agricultural Fair; \$20,000 for the enforcement operations of the Saipan Zoning Office; \$20,000 for Liberation Day activities; \$50,000 for the Cultural Village Tipieew; \$300,000 equally distributed to each precinct; and \$162,000 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legisla-

tive Delegation operational funds.

In her comments on the bill, Tudela stated that the mayor's office hear "the same chime every time" her office is asked to comment on an appropriation bill from the local delegation.

"The allocation of locally generated resources to be appropriated in HLB 18-63 is repetitious of the year prior and the years prior to that. It could be different for we know the local delegation knows the exercise of appropriating poker and pachinko license fees is not a given constant; it could and should vary from year to year," she stated.

Tudela noted that HLB 18-63 is not a variation of the year prior [fiscal year 2014] and believes it ought to be.

Programs and projects to be funded from an appropriation bill should and ought to be prioritized, she added.

"Using a boilerplate bill cuts down on the amount of time and work that needs to be exerted to come up with an otherwise good, common-sense bill. But that is the only good to be derived from using boilerplates—to cut down on time," Tudela said.

She believes that a set of "criteria" must be used and the local delegation should

consider using it to make sure it doesn't push out bills that are "obviously cookie cutter" or even appear like "collections are earmarked" for just specific programs and projects.

Tudela indicated that in

HLB 18-63, \$362,000 is a "big ticket item" in the bill but there are no descriptions on how the funds are to be used.

Both bills also seek to appropriate \$75,000 for construction of roads but Tudela noted that since the mayor's

office handles secondary roads, other roads are important as well.

Right now, the mayor's office seeks to be included in the appropriation for rental equipment or heavy equipment.

"We believe the local delegation should consider the fact that there are more pressing public demands that need funds to be performed. We will say that many of the pressing demands are for road repairs," Tudela said.



FORTY-FOR-40 WINNER

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. staff member Samantha Sikayun, far right, poses with the company's 16th 40 for 40 Giveaway prize winner Lee Pliscou, third from left, joined by two family members, after receiving a certificate for free insurance. Forty for 40 is a giveaway promotion designed to thank the CNMI and Pacifica's loyal patrons for 40 years of business. Forty winners for a year of free insurance in celebration of 40 years. Last drawing is slated for Dec. 15. For information about Pacifica's 40 for 40 giveaway log on to www.pacificains.com/fortyforforty or call 234-6267/7722/7310. Rest assured, CNMI.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-15-001

Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST).**

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-15-005

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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CGC hosts two-day suicide intervention training

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center, in collaboration with Behavioral Health Solutions, hosted a training for certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on Saipan to help build capacity for suicide prevention.

This training was held for two days at the Lao Lao Bay Golf and Resort, completing the eleventh ASIST training these past four years in the CNMI and funded this month through the support of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, or SAMHSA.

This event was in efforts and collaborations with community partners toward prevention and awareness of this month's Behavioral Health Awareness Month, an annual health observance supported by SAMHSA that celebrates the work that community organizations and individuals conduct year-round to prevent substance abuse and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being. The training was held on Oct. 27 and 28. The two trainers—Rebecca Robles, NCD Bureau Administrator, and Jennifer Maratita of Behavioral Health Solutions, an instructor at the Northern Marianas College—are registered trainers through



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Twenty-three participants completed a training for certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on Oct. 27 and 28 at the Lao Lao Bay Golf and Resort.

LivingWorks Education. This registered certification of the two CNMI-based trainers was made possible through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grant funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Prevention and Training Branch of Guam that was

held in 2010 to promote suicide prevention efforts in the Micronesian region.

Twenty-three participants completed this training. To date, there are over 260 interventionists that have been certified through this project's efforts. Participants included community partners such as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center and Transitional Living Center,

Public School System, Department of Public Safety, non-profit organizations, and the Northern Marianas College.

To participate in upcoming CGC Prevention supported events, contact Tiara Evangelista at 323-6560/1 or ti.evangelista@gmail.com.

According to LivingWorks Education, the ASIST training is the most widely used, acclaimed and researched suicide

intervention skills training in the world. The benefits of the ASIST T4T, is that the community sustains locally trained trainers that can certify additional caregivers on how to respond and help someone with suicidal thoughts or may be at risk of attempting suicide.

The CNMI's Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center is currently taking significant steps toward

increasing community-based collaboration that will result in more successful suicide prevention activities and early intervention efforts. The Behavioral Health Solutions has current plans that include an additional ASIST certification throughout the year to various agencies and members of the community. Because space is limited, contact LivingworksCNMI@gmail.com for more information. (PR)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 15-GOV-010



Archeological Services For Water Task Force Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Professional Services for Archeological Services for the Water Task Force for its Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project. This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce with matching funds provided by Public Law 17-90.

The proposal package will be available on or after **October 27, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 7, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 70.30.3). Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Archeological Services**", **RFP 15-GOV-010**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 25, 2014 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB 15-GOV-004



Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Construction of 0.5 Million-Gallon Reservoir with Aluminum Dome Roof.
- Install Cathodic Protection.
- Install Control and Telemetry System.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Construction of Chain-Link Fence, six (6) feet and four (4) feet high.
- Installation of Chain-Link Personnel Access Gate and Chain-Link Vehicle Access Gate.
- Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after October 27, 2014 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 7, 2014, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 6, 2014.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB 15-GOV-004**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 26, 2014, and must be received no later than December 9, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 9, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on November 26, 2014.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply

Kia'aina to make first official visit to American Samoa

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Beginning this week, Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina will make her first official visit to the southernmost U.S. territory of American Samoa, where she will meet with government, traditional, private sector and community leaders and deliver remarks in honor of veterans and service members on Veterans Day.

Kia'aina will begin her first visit to American Samoa by meeting with Gov. Lolo Moliga, Paramount Chiefs, and Senate, House and Judiciary leadership prior to being wel-

comed in a traditional Samoan Ava ceremony. Hosted and presided over by the Matai (Chiefs), the Ava ceremony is the highest form of respect and traditional welcome reserved to honor dignitaries and mark special occasions.

To recognize and honor the hundreds of active military currently serving and estimated thousands of veterans in American Samoa, Kia'aina will deliver remarks on Veterans Day. The Assistant Secretary will also speak to a group of students participating in the Executive Leadership Development Program, an initiative funded by

the Office of Insular Affairs to build and strengthen leadership potential of mid-level career officials in the territories and freely associated states.

Kia'aina will meet with numerous government officials to discuss a wide variety of topics such as the role of the tuna industry in American Samoa's economy, health and education, alternative energy development to reduce fossil fuel dependency,

natural resources management, and climate change. She will also be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce board and the Board of Higher Education.

The Assistant Secretary will tour the American Samoa National Park, the site of the Taimali tree eradication initiative recently recognized by the Secretary of the Interior with a Partners in Conservation award. Her trip also includes visits to

the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, schools, health dispensaries and other government facilities on both Tutuila and the Manu'a Islands. Some of her site visits will include various projects funded by Technical Assistance and Capital Improvement Projects through the Office of Insular Affairs.

The Assistant Secretary, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, is responsible for coordinating federal policy with respect to the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance provided to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. The Assistant Secretary executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs whose mission is to foster economic opportunities, promote government efficiency, and improve the quality of life for the people of the insular areas. (DOI)

Christmas Exhibit to push through

After initially cancelling the Annual Christmas Exhibit due to scheduling differences, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is pushing through with the exhibit after all.

The Christmas Exhibit will be held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan in Garapan, from Nov. 17 to Dec. 12 and will be open from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

"We are having this exhibit a month earlier to give convenient time for the public and visitors to mail out their Christmas gifts to family and friends off-island," said visual/traditional artists co-

ordinator Feofaaki McMahon.

The council is inviting registered and non-registered artists to participate in the exhibit.

"I would like to encourage all registered and non-registered artists to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase and sell your artworks. Also, we would like to invite the artists to come and participate by demonstrating how to make their artworks to the visitors," McMahon said.

For more information on becoming a registered artist, contact McMahon at CCAC on Capital Hill next to the U.S. Post Office or call her at 322-9983 or 483-1226. (Jayson Camacho)

NMC grad Narae Kang passes NCLEX on first attempt

A nursing graduate of the Northern Marianas College recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or NCLEX-RN, on her first attempt. Narae Kang, who graduated from NMC in May, took the exam on Oct. 22.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"I wanted a great future in a career I loved," said Kang. "I studied everyday and continued to think about the people I loved who kept me on track with my



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Narae Kang recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on her first attempt.

studies which motivated me to push forward."

"I've been longing to become a nurse after I got inspired by Florence Nightingale," Kang added. "I had to write a research

paper about Florence Nightingale, and as I was doing my research I fell in love with her and couldn't stop imagining myself becoming a nurse. I've had a few different types of jobs, but my clinical experience as a nursing assistant in Washington made me realize that becoming a nurse was more about helping people and making a difference in their lives."

"First of all, I would like to give a huge thank you to NMC that offered me an opportunity to enter the nursing program," Kang said. "I had been on the waiting list at other nursing programs in the states for more than a year before I transferred to NMC. I have met great instructors here and there was no way I could have made it this far without them."

Asked what advice she would give other students who are preparing to take the NCLEX, Kang said, "Begin with a positive mental attitude. A little bit of stress is good to help you focus and to prioritize your time. Eat healthy and have some almond chocolate 30 minutes before exam!" (NMC)

Fee waivers for NMC Cash for College workshop participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC spring 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

The free workshops will be held at the NMC campuses on Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), Tinian, and Rota on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014.

These workshops will be ongoing sessions, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshops at 3pm.

The aim of the workshops is to help students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The Cash for College workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant and more.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2013 1040 tax form (2013 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. REPORTS
 - a. Chairman's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Financial Disclosure Regulations
 - b. Casino license fee penalty waiver
 - c. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - d. Licensing Matters
 1. Casino/Casino Key Employees:
 - i. Compliance Officer
 2. Hotel Employees Registration
 3. Casino Service Industry License:
 - i. Matsui Asia — Casino Service Industry
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF,) CIVIL ACTION
JOSE PANGELINAN TENORIO,) NO. 14-0199

Deceased.)
ORDER TO PUBLISH
AND SERVE
NOTICE OF HEARING
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

On reading the Petition of PETER MICHAEL TENORIO, filed on the 29th day of September, 2014, to appoint him as Executor of the Estate of JOSE PANGELINAN TENORIO, deceased, and to admit the Last Will and Testament of decedent into probate and asking that a date be fixed for the hearing thereof, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Said Petition be set for hearing on the 9th day of December, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in Guma Hustisia, located in Susupe, Saipan.
2. Notice of such hearing, including the name of decedent, shall be given by personal service or by mail on the known heirs of the decedent and devisees and legatees of the Will, at least Ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. In the case of such persons residing not residing either in the CNMI or Guam, such notice shall be served or mailed at least Twenty-Five (25) days prior to the hearing. Such Notice shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Commonwealth and such publication shall be at least Five (5) days before the date for the hearing. The publication of said notice, as prescribed above, shall be sufficient service on all persons not otherwise served.

ENTERED this ____ day of ____, 2014.

DAVID A. WISEMAN
Judge

'SAT scores will be released as quickly as possible'

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of allegations of

UOG hosting book launch for PH consul general

The University of Guam will host the launch event for the new book *The State Department Boys: Philippine Diplomacy and Its American Heritage* written by the Philippine Consul General for Guam Marciano R. de Borja.

The book launch will be at 4pm, Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Multipurpose Room No. 129 of the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration building on the UOG campus. The event is free and open to the public.

De Borja is a career diplomat and is currently the consul general for the Philippines in Guam. He previously served as the Senior Special Assistant in the Office of the Undersecretary for Special and Ocean Concerns at the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila. He has also served as Minister at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York. This is his third book.

"We are pleased to host Con-

sul General De Borja and hear about his research into the Philippine's transition from colony to independence," UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood said. "His book highlights political changes and real lives of people who lived through a pivotal time in the Philippines."

The book is set in July 1946 and focuses on a group of pioneer Filipino diplomats chosen to become the first officer corps of the Philippine Foreign Service. The group was affectionately known as the "State Department Boys." The group played pivotal roles in Philippine diplomacy and helped the Philippine Republic find its place in the international community.

According to Albert F. del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign

students took the test on Oct. 11, 2014, and received an email a week later from the College Board stating that their scores

are on hold for administrative review.

"The score hold applies to any Chinese or Korean test tak-

er with a home address in their country," Educational Testing Service spokesman Tom Ewing told *Saipan Tribune* in an email. The Educational Testing Service, or ETS, is responsible for both test administration and security of the SAT under contract to the College Board.

Ewing said the College Board and the ETS are "working as quickly as possible to complete the administrative review so that scores may be released."

If all goes according to plan, he said, ETS will release the scores in mid-November.

"I cannot provide great detail on our administrative review process other than to say that we review a number of things including how the test was administered and whether there is evidence that any students may

have gotten an unfair advantage over students," Ewing said.

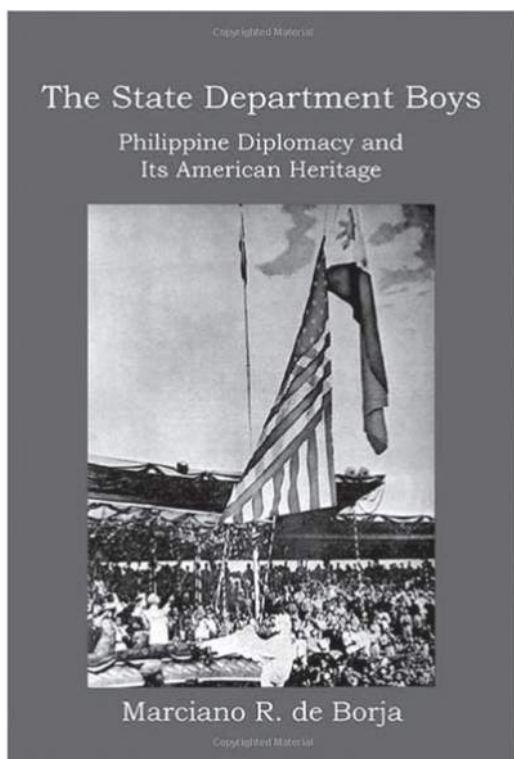
He noted that universities are aware of the circumstances and that the College Board understands that many students are applying for early admission.

"We can supply students with a letter to share with the schools to which they are applying," he added.

Ewing urges students to contact their preferred schools for more information.

He explained that it is important to remember that even though test scores will be delivered in November, they will be reported as October scores.

"Universities generally do their best to accommodate late scores from students when there are extenuating circumstances," he said.



book is not only a vivid account of the travails and triumphs of the so-called trailblazers; it also puts a spotlight on the Philippines' progress in asserting its rightful place in the community of nations. This truly groundbreaking narrative on the State Department Boys makes their collective experience no longer a mere footnote in our diplomatic history; they are now the acknowledged pioneers in our national pursuit to achieve an independent, pragmatic, and principled Philippine foreign policy."

The book is available for purchase online at the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training website, adst.org under publications. It costs \$38 for a hardcover copy and \$26 per paperback copy. (*UOG*)

Affairs for the Philippines, the book is "an insightful look at the evolution of Philippine diplomacy against the backdrop of a fledgling republic. ...The

Guam Guard officers selected for senior service colleges



Delfin

Two Guam Army National Guard officers were recently selected to attend senior service colleges for the 2015 academic year.

Lt. Col. Frank Tominez Jr., Deputy Director of Operations for the Guam National Guard, was selected to attend the U.S. Air War College at The Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. The 10-month in-residence course develops the knowledge, skills and attitudes of its students that are significant to the profession of arms with emphasis on air and space power and its application in joint, multinational, multi-agency war fighting, international security operations, air power strategy development and national security planning. Upon completion of the program, graduates receive a Master of Strategic Studies.


Lt. Col. Ronnie Delfin, Commander, 94th Civil Support Team, was selected to participate in the two-year Distance



Tominez Jr.

Education Program at the U.S. Army War College. Completion of this rigorous program of instruction will result in the award of the same graduation certificate and the same fully-accredited Master of Strategic Studies degree awarded to graduates of the resident programs. The Army War College educates and develops leaders for service at the strategic level while advancing knowledge in the global application of Landpower.

"I am very proud of these two officers on their selection as it reflects the maturation of the Guam National Guard. As more of our members are selected and successfully complete senior service schools, such as the War Colleges, the Guard will grow and develop a larger pool of responsible, educated and experienced officers that will be able to lead the Guard in the future," said Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. (*PR*)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-15-2324

For: SECURITY SERVICES AT SELECTED TOURIST SITES


Closing Date: **November 26, 2014** Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861 CK
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/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-15-2323

For: LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA SERVICES


Closing Date: **December 1, 2014** Time: **3:00 p.m.**

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/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ Perry P. Tenorio
Managing Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-15-2322

For: HAPPY CHILDREN IN PARADISE CAMPAIGN SAIPANDA BACKPACKS

Closing Date: **December 1, 2014** Time: **3:00 p.m.**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

<p>BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>ABRAHAM E. TAISACAN and LYDIA O. TAISACAN,</p> <p>Defendants.</p>	<p>Civil Action No. 13-0093</p> <p>NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE</p>
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 27th day of December, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 10th day of December, 2014 at 10 a.m., at the Bank of Guam, District II, Songsong Village, Rota, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 001 R 22, (formerly known as Lot 10, Block 19), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00, the original of which was registered on November 12, 1971 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registration, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
- to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

<p>BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v-</p> <p>BERNARD P. KILELEMAN, Defendant.</p>	<p>CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0208</p> <p>NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE</p>
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the Order Granting Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on September 4, 2014, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of November, 2014 at 10:00am., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said order, to wit:

Lot No. 011 G 1290, located in Kagman III, Phase IV, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 784 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 24 dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 96-2567, dated October 10, 1996.

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DATED this 13th day of October 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

PSS welcomes back Guerrero

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The Public School System is better off with the leadership of Board of Education member and current chair Herman Guerrero, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

In January, Guerrero will begin his 14th year as a board member. He ran uncontested for the spot representing Saipan.

"To me, he is a great listener. He listens to issues, whether good or bad. He looks at the system as a whole. He is mindful of the things we do on Saipan and the implications they have on Tinian and Rota," Sablan said.

She described Guerrero as a "policy person" who envisions ahead.

"He understands where we come from in our administrative responsibilities. I like to think that his return will be an added value. He's a thinker. He's here

for the children," she added.

In an interview, Guerrero said he first became a board member just as his son was entering first grade.

"I made a commitment that as long as he was in the Public School System, I would run for the board. He graduated this year, but I decided that I'd like to run for another term again," Guerrero said.

Praxis-certification became required for teachers in PSS, the No Child Left Behind Act was passed, and Common Core Standards have since been tested in public schools since Guerrero came on board.

"We invested over \$3 million in providing training [and] refresher courses for people to pass both Praxis 1 and 2," he said.

Often, because of their small sizes, Tinian and Rota high schools do not get as much courses offered as on Saipan, he said.

Distance learning is one way to address this, according to Guerrero, but it is a program that needs "fine-tuning." He hopes the CNMI government can help with some of the connectivity problems schools face.

"That has been a concern," Guerrero said.

He also hopes PSS will resolve all its audit findings.

"Over the years, we have had repeated audits. [We] are monitoring it to give us a better view of our audit findings from one year to the next," he said.

Offices and agencies audited need to come up with ways to be more efficient in their duties and responsibilities, he said.

"In the past we have been cited for contracts that have expired and it took beyond the expiration date for the contract to be renewed," he said.

Guerrero also looks to work with the Northern Marianas College in reducing the large amount of remediation classes the college has to hold in English and math.

He hopes to see "clear statis-

tics" from NMC on which high schools these students come from so PSS can strengthen its curriculums to better prepare kids.

In the years to come, he said there is much to be done with PSS' teacher-student ratio, technology, and the state of its school facilities.

"Sometimes I hear from the kids that teachers are going through the motions. I think it's a question of how do schools monitor the teachers. Teachers, if they know in advance [that they will be observed], they might start preparing more, doing better lesson plans...but if you don't tell them and you just show up,

you can see whether students are engaged and if standards are written on the wall and the blackboard," he said.

When asked what keeps him inspired during the harder days as a board member, he pointed to the students.

"These are the kids that I hope will be our future leaders and, if I'm still around, they can make my life a little bit easier... Sometimes they say private school kids are smarter but I don't think so. Private schools may have an advantage in terms of teacher-student ratio, but we are competing nationally and regionally, and we are doing great," he said.

Hyatt announces Heroes' Barbecue

In honor of Veterans Day and in celebration of the festive Thanksgiving season, Hyatt Regency Saipan will give back and say thanks. For the second year, the hotel will donate proceeds from its Heroes' Barbecue to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands' Operation Homefront. The hotel will also purchase care package items and assist in their packaging through its corporate responsibility platform, Hyatt Thrive.



cue will feature live entertainment, free-flowing Miller Lite and Murphy-Goode Homefront wine and iced tea, all for \$45 (valued at \$55) per person.

Tickets are available at the following locations: PTC's the Wine Cellar; Triple J Truck Load, Chalan Kanoa; Hyatt Regency Saipan's front desk and restaurant outlets

CNMI Operation Homefront

CNMI's Operation Homefront is a program created by several volunteers who gather once a year around Thanksgiving to give thanks to CNMI service members for the many freedoms we enjoy today. The care packages the program sends include letters of support from school children, newspapers, magazines, postcards, T-shirts, local favorite packaged foods and other items that are unique to the islands.

Special thanks to our event partners Triple J and Pacific Trading Co. (Hyatt)

One-night event

On Nov. 14, 2014, Hyatt Regency Saipan invites island community members and leaders to join the hotel for a one-night event: Heroes' Barbecue.

"We want our guests to enjoy what the hotel has to offer—exceptional service and delicious local fare—while actively participating in this humbling cause," said Director of Food and Beverage Tyrell Pauling. The Heroes' Barbe-



MTEC PRESENTATION

Students at Garapan Elementary School raise their hands to answer questions about tourism following the presentation "Tourism is Everybody's Business" by Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 29, 2014. MVA

MTEC

The FOA celebrates 40 years on Saipan!

By LEO F. GOODE JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

It's hard to believe that the 2014 season is the 40th year anniversary of the Friends of the Arts! Since 1974, the FOA has had the privilege of showcasing some of the best talent Saipan has to offer and this year is no exception! This year's events will once again show that the FOA is committed to bringing the best, brightest, and most versatile shows to the stage for all to see.

The 2014 FOA season presents:

■ Nov. 21-23—*I'm Not Rappaport*: a collection of shorts from American vaudeville and British music hall. Some of the most talented American and British actors and actresses took part in vaudeville and music hall performances in the earlier part of the 20th century. The FOA will highlight some of the more memorable pieces. Auditions will be held today, Nov. 10, between 5pm and 7pm.

■ Dec. 12-14: FOA presents *A Glee-full Christmas Review*. The FOA continue to be a major

supporter of the Marianas High School Glee Club by again including them in our 40th anniversary program year. Come and be dazzled by the extraordinary talent these young people have!

■ Feb. 13-16: Let's Fall In Love, Again! A Valentines Day Musical Variety Show. Here the FOA reprises our celebrated 2009 Valentine's Day show with a fresh new set of love songs from your favorite musicals!

■ March: Roman Rudnitsky. Once again, the FOA brings world-renown pianist Ramon Rudnitsky back to Saipan! Rudnitsky breathtaking mastery of the piano is a sight to behold! These performances are not to be missed!

■ May: *Café Murder* by Nathan Hartswick/*Three Doors to Death* by Keith Jackson. This performance is actually two for the price of one, as the audience becomes a major contributor to the fun and mayhem! These performances will chance every night based on the audience's input!

This ambitious 2014 season ensures that the 40th anniversary

of the FOA on Saipan will set a new benchmark for the arts in the CMNI!

To help initiate this exciting new season, the FOA will have a general membership meeting on Nov. 12, 2014, from 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. Canton always presents us with a delicious Chinese buffet. The meeting will also include musical and thespian entertainment.

Please join us for what prom-

ises to be our best year yet! Season tickets are ready for members to purchase at \$40 each. Season tickets provide reserved seats for each program at an average cost of \$10 per show compared to the member rate of \$12 per show. *Season ticket holders have the benefit of inviting one additional guest to each show at no additional cost!* Please order your season tickets through Frank Gibson by email at flgibson@yahoo.com. Season tickets will also be available at the general membership meeting.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans Day ceremony tomorrow

The Office of the Governor, CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office, and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the public to the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor on Nov. 11, 2014, Tuesday, at 11am. Come and join us celebrate and honor those brave patriots who served and are still serving, with unwavering dedication and purpose, sacrifice their personal comforts to keep the world safe, and secure the freedom we enjoy today. (PR)

Fall Festival at Kagman center

The Kagman Community Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival at the Kagman Community Center on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2pm to 6pm. Activities include a Dessert Competition, 3V3 Basketball Tournament, bouncy houses, games, and face painting for the kids, photos, food, and lots of prizes. Everything is free! Entries for the Dessert Competition need to be in between 2pm and 3pm in order to be judged. There will be an adult and children's category. The 3 versus 3 Basketball Tournament registration will be from 2pm to 3pm and the Tournament will start at 3pm. For more information, email info@kagman.church or call 256-8171. (PR)

Labor violations found at 2 A. Samoa stores

American Samoa-based Ocean Star Enterprises Inc., doing business as Pacific Mini Mart in Tafuna and as Ocean Star Enterprise Inc. in Nu'uuli, has agreed to pay \$23,922 in back wages to seven employees following an investigation by the Wage and Hour Division.

Investigators found that the employer paid a fixed salary to several employees without re-

gard to the number of weekly hours actually worked.

"The payment of a guaranteed salary to front-line convenience store employees does not waive their entitlement to a base retail sector minimum wage of \$4.60 per hour and overtime premium pay for hours worked after 40 in a workweek," said Terence Trotter, the division's district director in Hawaii. (USDOL)

Health & Fitness

Consumers to get peek at 2015 health law premiums

WASHINGTON (AP)—Starting this weekend, consumers can get an early peek at 2015 premiums and plans under President Barack Obama's health care law, the administration said Friday.

HealthCare.gov's second

open enrollment season starts Nov. 15, a week from Saturday. But spokeswoman Lori Lodes said that consumers will be able to "window shop" for plans before then.

"Window shopping is ready to go," said Lodes. "There is no

log-in or application required."

After answering a few questions, consumers can look at plans in their area and get an estimate of how much their premiums will be, including any financial assistance they would be eligible for.

Consumers will later have to set up an account—or go back to their existing account—to actually enroll for 2015. Current customers who do nothing will be automatically renewed as of Jan. 1, but they may well miss out on potential savings.

The lack of a window-

shopping feature was one of the initial problems last year for HealthCare.gov, and a puzzling one.

Most e-commerce sites—as well as Medicare.gov—allow people to browse anonymously and don't require an account until consumers are ready to buy. As originally designed, the Obama administration's website worked exactly the opposite way. That contributed to overloading the balky system because everybody got funneled into creating an account, which overtaxed the system to

the point of crashes.

"Our top priority this year is to improve the consumer experience," said Lodes.

One important piece that's still not clear is the overall trend on premiums. Early analyses of states that have published rates show modest increases, with opportunities for consumers to shop around for lower-premium plans. The catch with the low-cost options is that people who have a serious illness or injury will face higher out-of-pocket costs.

The health care law offers taxpayer subsidized coverage

to people who don't have access on the job. HealthCare.gov is the online portal for 37 states where the federal government is taking the lead running the insurance markets. The rest are operating their own insurance exchanges.

About 7 million people are signed up this year through the insurance markets. Even more have gained coverage under the law's Medicaid expansion for low-income people, which so far has been implemented by 27 states and Washington, District of Columbia.

Nasal spray vaccine may not work for swine flu in children

NEW YORK (AP)—The nasal spray version of the flu vaccine did not protect young children against swine flu last winter and might not work again this year, health officials said Thursday.

Preliminary results from three studies found that AstraZeneca's FluMist had little or no effect in children against swine flu. That was the most common bug making people sick last winter.

Because this year's version of FluMist is the same, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's possible the spray vaccine won't work for swine flu this season, either.

But officials say the spray is still OK to use. Though the flu season is just getting started, early tracking suggests swine flu—the H1N1 strain—won't be a big player this year. Other strains are expected to be the major threat and the vaccine works against those, said Dr. Alicia Fry, a CDC flu vaccine expert.

That's why she's choosing a squirt up the nose for her 7-year-old daughter. And "she'd rather have FluMist than a shot" in the arm, Fry said.

But another flu expert, Vanderbilt University's Dr. William Schaffner, said pediatricians might want to opt for flu shots for their young patients "just to be on the safe side."

Why the nasal spray didn't seem to work last year is a mystery: it has strong track record. The company said inadequate refrigeration of some doses shipped last summer could be an explanation.

Annual flu vaccinations are recommended for all Americans ages 6 months and older. Flu shots are made from killed flu virus. FluMist is made using live but weakened virus, and is only approved for ages 2 to 49. The vaccine's makeup can change from year to year, based on what three or four strains are expected to be circulating.

For years, studies have indicated FluMist is the better choice for young children because it prompts a better immune response in kids who have never been sick with the flu. In June, a federal scientific panel took the unusual step of advising doctors to give FluMist to healthy young kids instead of a shot, if available.

Confidence in that decision was shaken a bit last week during a meeting in Atlanta of the same panel—the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices—when a CDC official presented the results of the three observational studies. The research was done separately by the CDC, the Air Force and AstraZeneca.

Personal Trainer

Treadmill vs. outdoor runs

Many busy urban people do most of their running on treadmills, but outdoor running is better exercise in many ways.

Treadmill pros

- No snow, rain, hills, heat, sunburn or aggressive dogs
- Few worries about safety
- Cushioned surface protects knees
- Can watch TV during a run
- Can stop at any time

Outdoor running pros

- Has scenery, seasons, weather, nature and fresh air
- Gives greater feeling of accomplishment
- Virtually no limit to where you can run
- Teaches you how to run on hills and curves
- Distance goal is a real place, not just a number
- Normally consumes more calories
- Can take new route to keep from getting stale
- Better training for races

FLORIDA 385 MILES

Source: Your Guide to Sports Medicine by Elizabeth Guinn
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

† *Elsie Lynne
Cepeda
Fejeran*

Born to Life on August 8, 1968

Called to Eternal Life on November 3, 2014

Predeceased by:

Husband: Vincent Fejeran
Father: Calistro Kelly Sablan Cepeda
Father in law: Leon Taitingfong Camacho
Mother in law: Visitacion Babauta Mendiola Camacho
Brother: Leonard John Cabrera Cepeda
Sister: Delia Ann Cabrera Cepeda
Brother in law: Herbert Mendiola Camacho
Sister in law: Thomasa Manglona Camacho

Survived by:

Husband: Pressciardo Mendiola Camacho
Children: Vernon John Cepeda Fejeran & Trudy Ann Atalig (Viahnie Jayde, Viarah Jul)
Alexis Jude Cepeda Fejeran & Hermy 'Oma' Marie Sablan (Kyleiah Faith)
Bryanna Lynn Cepeda Camacho, Pressel Jean Cepeda Camacho.
Mother: Eugenia Cabrera Cepeda
Brother: Raymond Randy C. Cepeda (Sinahi-Ray, Krissy, Kahi)
Sisters: Leonora Lee C. & Filimon Camacho (Wendy Jenine, Kaitleen, Leonard)
Jordanna Lena C. & Boutsaba Sonthixy (Vida)
Nieces, Nephews: Cezanne Manalo, Christy Manalo, Chloe Manalo, Colin Palacios, Jonathan Palacios

Sisters/Brothers In-Law:

Remedio C. Bowie & Children, George M. Camacho & Children, Janet C./Ricardo Taisacan & Children, Rita C./Herman Santos & Children, Ana C./Antonio De Leon Guerrero, Jeanadina C./Cristin Dela Cruz & Children, Barbara C./Elias Borja & Children, Edith C./Joaquin Tudela & Children, Sandra C./Benjamin Manglona & Children, Melvin M. Camacho/Lizette & Children, Rachel M. Camacho and daughter.

She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Daily Rosary and Mass is celebrated at Santa Soledad Parish at 6:00 pm.

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 am to Asteo, residence of her mother Eugenia Cabrera Cepeda for responso, Rosary and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Santa Soledad Parish at 3:00 pm. Interment service will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yuus Maase - Thank You

Pressciardo M. Camacho and children



Life & Style

Robin Williams' autopsy found no illegal drugs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Robin Williams' autopsy found no alcohol or illegal drugs were in his body when he killed himself at his Northern California home in August, sheriff's officials said Friday.

The results released by the Marin County sheriff's office found that the actor had taken prescription medications, but in "therapeutic concentrations."

The coroner ruled Williams' death a suicide that resulted from asphyxia due to hanging.

Sheriff's officials have said Williams was found in the bedroom of his home in Tiburon on the morning of Aug. 11. His death had been preliminarily ruled a suicide, with sheriff's officials saying he hanged himself with a belt.

Williams' wife, Susan Schneider, has said the actor and comedian was struggling with depression, anxiety and a recent Parkinson's diagnosis when his personal assistant found him dead.

Williams had publicly acknowledged periodic struggles with substance abuse, and he had entered a substance abuse program shortly before his death. According to the coroner's report, his wife told an investigator Williams did not go there because of recent drug or alcohol abuse, but rather to reaffirm the principles of his rehabilitation.



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According to his wife, Williams was having trouble sleeping and had shown increased signs of paranoia before he committed suicide, the autopsy report said. Medical records confirmed he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in November 2013 but had symptoms since 2011, including a left arm tremor and the slowing of left hand movements. Treatments with drugs in May 2014 led to some improvement, according to the report, and he remained physically active until his death.

Williams had two types of antidepressants in his system

when he died, as well as a Parkinson's medication, caffeine and another ingredient found in tea and cocoa, the autopsy found.

Authorities have said Williams was last seen alive by his wife when she went to bed the night of Aug. 10. She woke up the next morning and left, thinking he was still asleep elsewhere in the house.

AP
In this Nov. 5, 2011 file photo, actor Robin Williams poses for a portrait during the "Happy Feet" Press Junket in Beverly Hills, Calif.

ing he was still asleep elsewhere in the house.

Shortly after that, Williams' assistant came to the home and became concerned when he failed to respond to knocks at a door. The assistant found the

63-year-old actor in a bedroom, according to sheriff's officials.

Williams also had superficial cuts on his wrist, and a pocket-knife was found nearby.

The results of Williams' autopsy, including the toxicology tests, were originally slated to be released Sept. 20. Marin County officials later announced a Nov. 3 release date, but the report was further delayed. Toxicology reports routinely take up to six weeks to complete.

James Earl Jones happy to receive Voice Icon Award

NEW YORK

(AP)—Darth Vader, Mufasa, and even the tagline for a certain 24-hour news network helped make James Earl Jones one of the most recognizable voices on the planet and soon



That advice paid off as the Tony-winning and Oscar-nominated actor will be the initial recipient of the Voice Icon Award from the first-ever Voice Arts Awards

on Sunday. Sponsored by the Society of Voice Arts and Sciences, this new annual event will honor the best voices of the year from television, film, video games, commercials, and audiobooks.

But according to the actor, there was a period when he didn't do much speaking. As a child he suffered from a severe stutter, and went through a period where he refused to speak at all.

"I once did not speak. I was mute. When I finally did speak, though, I spoke as an adult," Jones said of the transformation.

Once speaking, Jones attributes his teacher for providing valuable advice that would carry him throughout his long career.

"I was 16 or 17, and my teacher said, 'You remember yourself speaking as a child, you're now hearing yourself as an adult, don't get impressed with it. Don't listen to it, because you can fall in love with the melodious of it. If you listen to it, then nobody else will,'" he said.

sored by the Society of Voice Arts and Sciences, this new annual event will honor the best voices of the year from television, film, video games, commercials, and audiobooks.

"There is magic in the human voice," an elated Jones told The Associated Press. "And I'm honored."

While Jones treats all of his voice characterizations with equal love, there are a few that stand out.

One of them is Mufasa from Disney's "The Lion King."

"I found myself as an adult watching it with great interest and great involvement. When Mufasa died, I understood Simba breaking down and crying because Daddy is gone. ... That had an effect on me, that film."

Then there's the iconic CNN tagline. He likes that one after learning of its impact overseas.

Lohan's London play role cited as key to recovery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's role in a London production of "Speed-the-Plow" has become a crucial aspect to her recovery after years of addiction and court troubles, her therapist wrote in a letter to a judge. In the letter filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court, therapist Patricia Freebrey said the play has provided Lohan with good daily structure and resulted in a shift in her motivation for recovery.

Lohan has been receiving court-mandated therapy as part of her sentence in a 2012 case involving reckless driving and lying to police.

The letter, along with updates from a London organization where Lohan is volunteering, prompted Superior Court Judge James R. Dabney to end Lohan's probation in a 2011 necklace theft case. Dabney also gave Lohan more time to complete her community service in the reckless driving case.

"She related really well to young people and contributes a very different perspective because of her own life experiences that differ enormously from those of the young people," she is volunteering with, according to a letter submitted by the charity



AP
In this Sept. 2, 2012 file photo, Lindsay Lohan arrives for the GQ Men Of The Year Awards 2014 at a venue in central London.

group CSV, which aids neglected children and disabled adults.

Lohan began volunteering with the group in early October. She has logged 75 hours so far at the agency and 102 hours of service altogether toward her total requirement of 240 hours.

Dabney noted that Lohan seemed to have a plan to complete the rest of the hours.

Critics gave Lohan, 28,

mixed reviews after her debut in David Mamet's "Speed-the-Plow" in early October. Reviews ranged from calling Lohan's performance "perfectly creditable" to others that called her appearance in the production a marketing stunt.

Lohan began working with CSV a week after her debut, court records show.

Lohan has been on probation

since 2007, when she was arrested twice for driving under the influence. She struggled to resolve that case and was charged with stealing the necklace within days of being released from rehab in 2011.

In 2012 she was charged with three misdemeanors related to a crash in which her sports car slammed into the back of a dump truck on Pacific Coast Highway. Authorities accused Lohan of lying about who was driving at the time of the accident on her way to a movie shoot.

'Warcraft' film teased at BlizzCon expo

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Orcs won't just be sword fodder in the upcoming film adaptation of the Blizzard video game franchise "Warcraft." The snarling green-skinned creatures will be respected just as much as the human characters from the fantasy saga.

"As in the game, where you can choose what side to be on, I thought it was really important that we made a film which allowed you to be on either side of the conflict and follow heroes on both sides," director Duncan Jones told a massive crowd Friday at BlizzCon, a fan-centric

celebration of Blizzard Entertainment Inc.

Jones was on hand at the Anaheim Convention Center with "Warcraft" visual effects supervisor Bill Westenhofer to hype the upcoming film from Legendary and Universal Pictures. They were later joined on stage by "True Blood" and "Pacific Rim" actor Rob Kazinsky, who was wielding a replica of the behemoth Doomhammer weapon. Kazinsky is playing the orc warrior Orgrim in the film.

"We're fans," said Kazinsky. "We wanted it to be right. It would absolutely murder me if

this thing sucked."

The director, a longtime "World of Warcraft" player who previously created the films "Source Code" and "Moon," was quick to note the "Warcraft" movie will keep the focus on the conflict between orcs and humans, which was depicted in the original "Warcraft" games from the 1990s.

"It's got so many stories," said Jones. "'World of Warcraft' has been going for 10 years, 'Warcraft' itself has been going for 20 years. Our challenge was to drill down and find a story that would work as a single film."

Academy presents early Oscars at Governors Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first Oscar statuettes of the season were presented Saturday night at the film academy's Governors Awards.

Lisa Kudrow surprised by 'The Comeback' comeback



AP
Lisa Kudrow arrives at the LA Premiere Of "The Comeback" on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—Lisa Kudrow has no problem slipping in and out of her character Valerie Cherish when talking about the return HBO's "The Comeback". (The series follows Valerie Cherish, a washed up B-list actress desperate for fame and relevance who is filming a reality TV show).

The show aired for one season in 2004 before HBO opted to not bring it back for more episodes, with some critics saying it was ahead of its time—a concern shared by co-creator Michael Patrick King, Kudrow said.

"We were working on it and (King) went, 'What if we're too far ahead? That's not good.' I said, 'What are we gonna do about it now? There will be other seasons and then they'll catch up.'"

When Kudrow found out HBO was interested in bringing back her comedy "The Comeback," she says she was as surprised as everyone else.

"A year ago? Never would have thought," said the actress in a recent interview.

They decided to do six epi-

sodes and pick up nine years later because the idea of continuing as if no time had passed was "ridiculous", she said.

In the new season, Valerie has hired some USC students to shoot a pilot for a reality show that she's going to present to Andy Cohen for Bravo. In the years that have passed, she hasn't worked much, just guest-starred on a crime drama, participated in student films and starred in an infomercial for red hair dye.

Cherish is often humiliated and embarrassed by people around her who don't take her seriously. Kudrow says some people are taking that way too personally.

"I was like, 'I don't know why you're taking it so hard. She was OK. Didn't you see she was OK? This is a person in denial. It's a wonderful tool,'" she laughed.

"The Comeback" returns Sunday on HBO at 10 p.m. EDT/PDT.

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honors this year's recipients of honorary Academy Awards: Actress Maureen O'Hara, filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki and screenwriter Jean-Claude Carriere. Actor and activist Harry Belafonte received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences established the Governors Awards in 2009 as an untelevised celebration of its honorary Oscar winners.

"It's special because it's an intimate evening," academy

president Cheryl Boone Isaacs said in a recent interview. "It's a chance for the academy to recognize the diverse talent that it takes to realize the dream of moviemaking."

She said the annual event is a favorite of the academy and

the film industry because it allows a personal look into the professional lives of exceptional talents.

At the ceremony, O'Hara posed for a photo with Miyazaki, while Belafonte chatted with Morgan Freeman and Reese Witherspoon had a heart to heart with Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Jake Gyllenhaal, Marion Cotillard, Ron Howard and Pixar chief John Lasseter also turned out for the event.

The academy's board of governors, comprising representatives of all 17 branches, selects the honorary Oscar winners.

Comedian Andy Dick arrest in alleged theft

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police have arrested comedian Andy Dick on suspicion of grand theft.

The arrest of the former "NewsRadio" actor happened late Friday night in Hollywood.

The celebrity gossip website TMZ.com, which first reported the arrest, said Dick allegedly stole the necklace of a man he encountered on Hollywood Boulevard last week.



Dick

Police saw Dick riding his bike Friday night and made the arrest.

Dick posted bail early Saturday morning. A call to his agent was not immediately returned.

In addition to "NewsRadio," Dick briefly had his own program on MTV and has had roles in several movies, including "Dude, Where's My Car?" and "Old School."

He's had several mostly minor run-ins with police. He was arrested most recently in 2011 on suspicion of being drunk-and-disorderly in a California restaurant.

French screenwriter 'astonished' at honorary Oscar

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jean-Claude Carriere has written more than 100 films. After winning an Oscar in 1962 for one of his earliest works, the French writer will accept a second statuette this weekend at the film academy's Governors Awards.

Carriere will receive an honorary Oscar alongside actress Maureen O'Hara, filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki and entertainer and activist Harry Belafonte at a private ceremony Saturday in Hollywood. The 83-year-old novelist, screenwriter and playwright said he was "astonished" and "filled with joy" when he learned he was being recognized for his five-decade film career.

"Usually the names of the screenwriters are forgotten," Carriere said in a recent interview, charming with his French accent. "They do not appear on the credits. When there is a review about the film, it's very rare that the name of the screenwriter appears. So for once, the screenwriter is in, how can I say, full light."

Carriere may be best known for his long collaboration with director Luis Bunuel, with whom he worked for nearly 20 years and shared Oscar nominations for 1972's "The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" and 1977's "That Obscure Object of Desire." He calls the late director "a master" and says he still considers his approach when writing. Another of Carriere's



AP
In this Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014 file photo, French writer and screenwriter Jean-Claude Carriere, left, poses with his daughter Kiara, 12, after being honored with the medal of Commander of the National Order of Merit during an honor ceremony at Culture ministry in Paris, France.

longtime collaborators is director Peter Brook, with whom he has worked for three decades.

"These long-lasting collaborations, they are like the life of an old couple: each person knows the other person well," the writer said. "Imagine two good friends who step by step discover new feelings, new ideas, new emotions from each other. That's my life with all of them."

Carriere is still working, still challenged and inspired by creating stories for the stage and screen.

"I couldn't complain at all," he said. "I am the son of a poor farmer from the south of France and now I am receiving an honorary Oscar in Hollywood."

He said he even appreciates

his failures. "Even when something doesn't work—when a theater play goes to a flop, which happens sometimes—even then you have to enjoy it because it proves you have a certain relationship with the audience," he said. "But if the audience rejects everything, then you'd better stop writing."

Carriere's 12-year-old daughter will decide where to keep his new Oscar.

"I suppose she'll take it with her in her room," he said.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences established the Governors Awards in 2009 to recognize recipients of honorary Oscars. Highlights from Saturday's untelevised event will be included in the 2015 Academy Awards telecast.

Couple's pregnancy is no business of critical friend

DEAR ABBY: May I have some advice about a touchy subject? One of my boyfriend's close friends is going through his third bout with cancer and the prognosis is not good. He is married with a healthy 3-year-old son. So imagine our surprise when his wife announced she's pregnant.

This is a decision we do not support. I don't know what they're thinking, but if you are facing the reality that your spouse will not be around much longer, we don't feel it is wise to bring another child into the world who will never know his or her father.

Some of her close friends want to throw her a "sprinkle," and although I am only an acquaintance, I have been invited. How do I handle this? Should I attend and keep my thoughts to myself, decline and/or send a small gift in my absence? I have a hard time making small talk about subjects I don't agree with.

Did I mention she does nothing but complain about how hard her life is now? I'm afraid if I go and get involved, I'll be on the hook down the road when she wants to complain about how hard it is to raise two children alone.

ISN'T MY CHOICE

DEAR ISN'T: Feeling as you do, decline the invitation. This woman needs friends around her during this painful and traumatic time, and you do not qualify. To send a small gift would

be both thoughtful and kind, because I am sure her life is extremely difficult now.

As to this couple having made a decision with which you do not agree, allow me to point out that not all pregnancies are planned, and this may be one of them.

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DEAR ABBY: My folks are in their mid-70s and have health problems. My oldest niece, "Riley," will graduate from high school next spring and is considering going to a college near them. My parents recently told me that my brother is suggesting Riley move in with them.

The girl has some behavioral issues and is in counseling. She's not an easy, happy or normal kid. My parents are extremely uncomfortable with the idea, but have not said anything to my brother. I think they are afraid of a fight or causing hurt feelings. He is in denial about his daughter's problems.

I'm concerned about my parents. At their age, I don't think it's fair to expect them to have another teenager in their home, much less one with issues. Is it my place to say something, and if so, what do I say?

LOOKING OUT FOR MOM AND DAD

DEAR LOOKING OUT: You should definitely say some-

DEAR ABBY

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thing, but not to your brother. Talk with your parents. Remind them that if they're not OK with the arrangement your brother has proposed, it's their responsibility to make plain that because of their ages and their health problems they'll be unable to accommodate his request. Because it's the truth, it shouldn't cause an argument or hurt feelings. Also, your brother will have plenty of advance notice that other living arrangements will have to be made for Riley.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

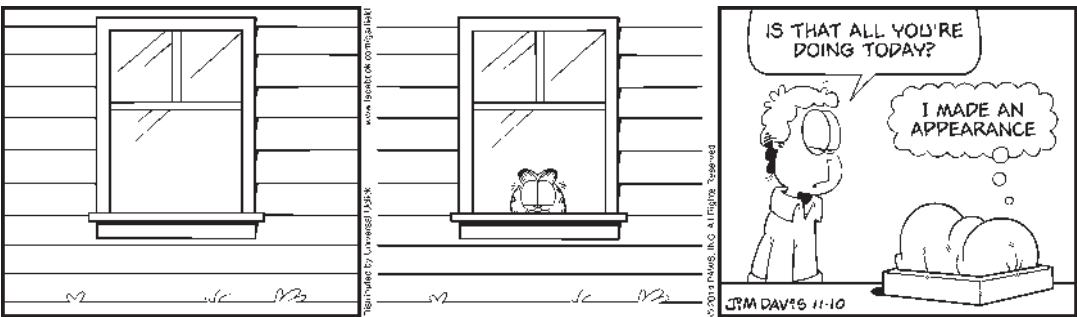
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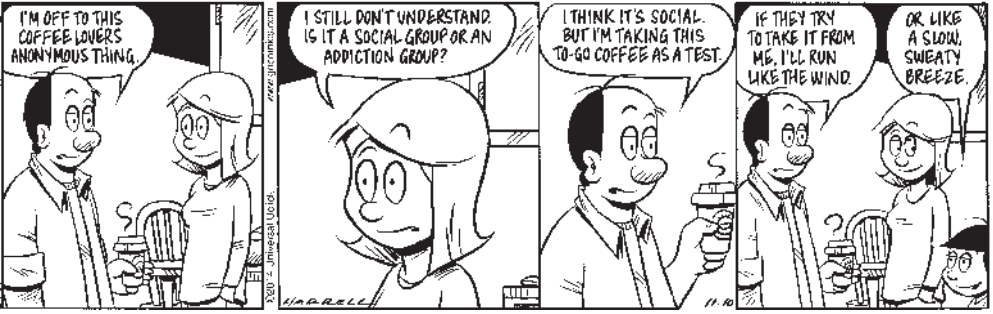
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48 Right on the map?

50 "Caught ya!"

Solution time: 27 mins.

Friday's answer 11-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Miranda Lambert, 31; Ellen Pompeo, 45; Tracy Morgan, 46; Michael Jai White, 47.

Happy Birthday: Expressing the way you feel will be the turning point in all your negotiations. Stand tall and state your case with conviction, and you will not be denied the opportunity to receive what you deserve and gain respect for your honesty. This is the year to make the necessary adjustments to live life your way. Don't back down. Your numbers are 2, 14, 22, 24, 31, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Home improvement will help your productivity and your state of mind. Making a move or just rearranging your place to suit upcoming projects will help. Altering your living arrangements can help you cut costs. Don't let your current professional position get you down. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Help colleagues, and you will build a strong alliance that will help you advance in your chosen field. Being a participant will lead to opportunities and greater expertise. Sign up for courses that will help hone your skills. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The larger activities going on at your home or workplace will help you see the pros and cons of your personal situation. Look at your alternatives and consider past experiences and financial costs in order to make a practical domestic decision. ★★

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Giants turn all their attention to Pablo Sandoval



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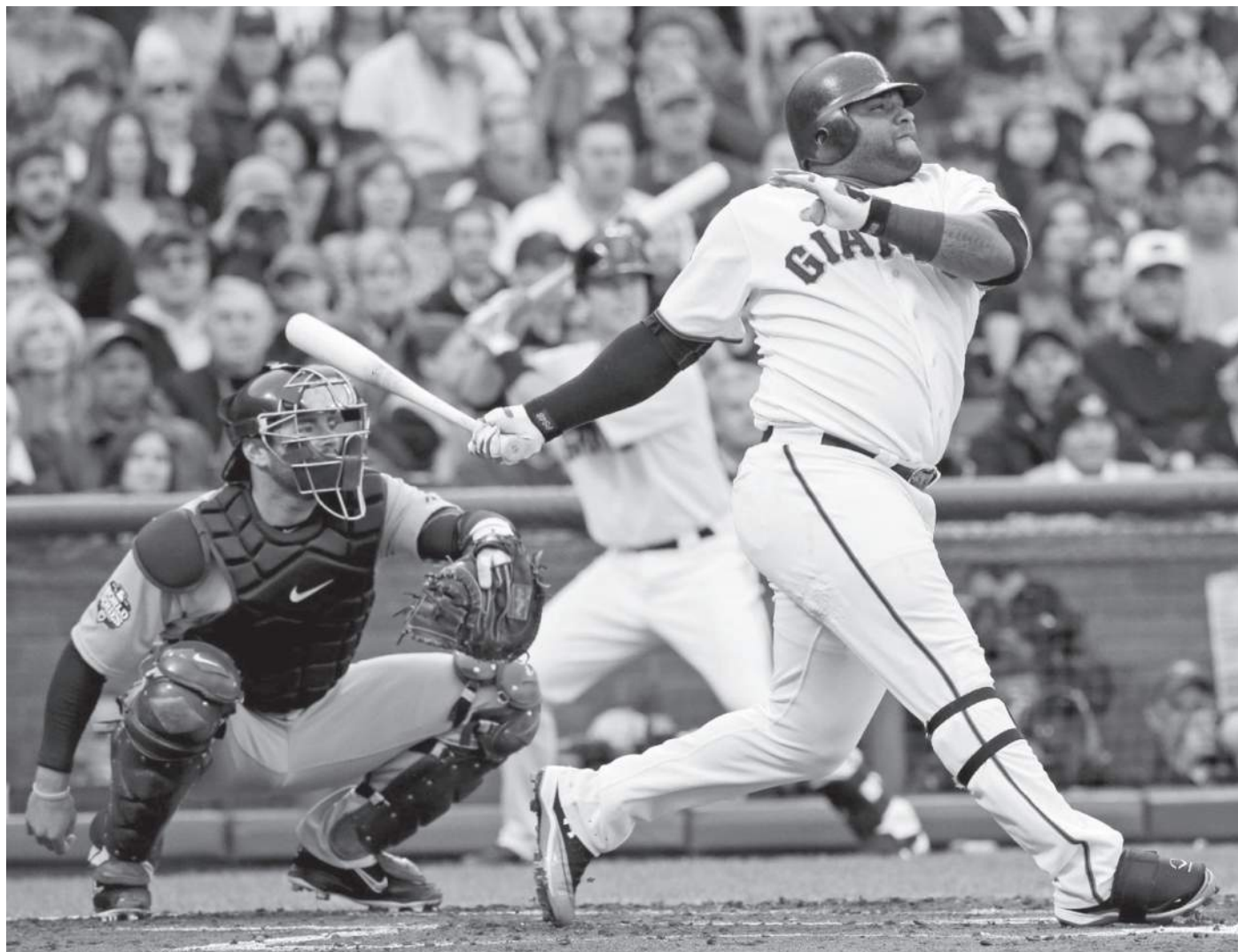
The Giants are planning their offseason around efforts to re-sign Pablo Sandoval.

General manager Brian Sabean and his staff have told free-agent starting pitchers Jake Peavy and Ryan Vogelsong that the World Series champions need time to try to strike a deal with Sandoval before turning their attention to the mound or any other position. The Giants made a \$15.3 million qualifying offer that the switch-hitting third baseman won't accept by Monday's deadline.

"We've engaged, but I'll leave it at that," Sabean said Thursday. "We're three days in, so that's the best answer I can give."

Giants CEO Larry Baer said his team's payroll will go up after San Francisco's third title in five years and the club will do what it can to keep Sandoval. San Francisco's payroll was \$164.7 million at the end of the regular season, the sixth-highest in the majors.

The 28-year-old Sandoval batted .279 with 16 homers and 73 RBIs in 157 regular-season games and .366 in the postseason with seven doubles and five RBIs, including four during a seven-game World Series win



against Kansas City.

While the 2012 Series MVP has said he would like to finish his career with the Giants, he will have other suitors and plans

to listen.

"We don't have a solution in house so it would have to come from the outside," Sabean said. "I'm not going to address any-

body at this time other than Pablo; that's who we're engaged with. It wouldn't be fair to the other guys."

Sabeen said the futures of left fielder Michael Morse, Peavy and Vogelsong are on the back-burner until third base is resolved. Both Baer and Sabean said a resolution could take a while.

Even speculating at how the Giants might look at left field is tough for Sabean in this first week of free agency.

"We're exploring any place that we may have a hole," he

said. "I can't guarantee what we're going to do with our pending free agents to be, nor will I understand the landscape more until Pablo's resolved. Having said that, if something jumps up, we're prepared to react, bring it to Larry and make a quick decision."

The Giants have expressed interest in other players who could become available to fill voids on the roster.

When asked whether he might consider a hometown discount, Sandoval said: "I don't want to talk about that. It's not

my job. I've got an agent. He focuses on that. When he's got a deal right, I just want to talk about it."

Sandoval has appreciated seeing the Giants' brass keep other key members of the team, such as signing catcher Buster Posey and World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner and right-hander Matt Cain to long-term deals.

"I'd love to be here," Sandoval said after Friday's victory parade.

The Giants hope the Venezuelan star stays loyal to the franchise that signed him as an amateur free agent in 2003.

"We've put out feelers all over the board with our options, whether it's other free agents or trade interest," Sabean said. "But obviously Pablo's the heavy lifting and that also meets the budget, too."

While it's unclear whether Peavy or Vogelsong will return, manager Bruce Bochy said struggling right-hander Tim Lincecum—barely used in the recent postseason run—will be back in the rotation come spring training. Lincecum signed a \$35 million, two-year contract last October. He pitched his second no-hitter in 11 months on June 25 against San Diego.

"I see him going back in the rotation. We have a need there, I think that's fair to say," Bochy said.

Kovalev pounds 49-year-old Hopkins



ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—

So many times, Bernard Hopkins was able to defy time, and logic, and win fights he had no business winning.

On Saturday, though, the magic ran out.

Hopkins' dream of holding a world title belt at age 50 ended ingloriously, as he had to summon all his heart, will and mettle not to go down in the final round as Kovalev looked to put an exclamation point on his victory.

All three judges gave Kovalev all 12 rounds. Lawrence Layton scored it 120-106, while Carlos Ortiz Jr. and Clark Sammartino scored it 120-107. Yahoo Sports gave Hopkins the seventh and scored it 119-108 for Kovalev.

Promoter Kathy Duva was beaming and repeating, "He outboxed the boxer," after Kovalev's impressive performance.

"I was so eerily calm," she said. "The only thing I was nervous about was that I wasn't nervous."

She had little to fret about Saturday. Hopkins looked in magnificent condition, but he couldn't get his punches off and was fighting from behind from the opening moments. Kovalev dropped Hopkins with a short right hand in the first round and the outcome was never in doubt after that.

Though Hopkins promoter Oscar De La Hoya said Hopkins would drop a division and

seek a bout with middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin, Hopkins wasn't so sure he'd fight again.

"It's 50-50 right now," he said. "I really don't want to say anything. Everybody will have a long time to talk about my career. It's been 50-50 the last nine years. I'd done what I had to do."

He hung in against one of the biggest punchers, taking a series of hard right hands and never giving in. He took a pounding in the 12th when Kovalev landed 38 punches against him, most that would have put other men to sleep. No fighter in the 41 fights tracked by CompuBox had ever landed that many punches. Hopkins was reeling a bit in the final round, but didn't go down in one last display of intestinal fortitude.

Kovalev, who referred to Hopkins as an all-time great, said, "I wanted to show I could box and I did."

Kovalev landed 166 of 585 punches, remaining patient and sticking with his game plan. Hopkins landed only 65 punches and very few in the early rounds.

After landing his punches, Kovalev made a subtle but highly effective move — backing up to move out of punching range.

"He was pressuring strong, but he knew when to pull back," De La Hoya said. "It didn't allow Hopkins to counter. This wasn't [Hopkins getting old]. I believe it was what Kovalev was doing. He'd throw and take

a step back and didn't allow Hopkins to get his punches off. He's good. He's really good.

"He knows how to use his distance and his power. He was impressive."

It wasn't the night that Hopkins wanted it to be, but he had no excuses. He fought an unbeaten fighter who had been roaring through his opposition, compiling a 25-0-1 mark with 23 stoppages entering the bout.

Hopkins hoped to be able to control the pace, frustrate Kovalev and land the counters, but Kovalev's shrewd plan negated that strategy and there was no Plan B for Hopkins.

"He did just what I knew he'd do," said Kovalev trainer John David Jackson, who was stopped by Hopkins in a 1997 middleweight title bout. "He was the teacher tonight."

Hopkins surprised many when he challenged Kovalev, but he has faced a slew of elite opposition in his career and at 49, knew he couldn't get motivated to fight B-leaguers.

He gambled that he could regain the magic for one more night, but it was not to be. It's not like he looked old and slow; he was beaten by a smart fighter who had a better plan on this night.

But the fact that a 49-year-old willingly stepped into the ring with arguably boxing's hardest hitter speaks volumes about why he's a cinch for induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

SIDEBAR

McGehee, Young win comeback player awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Miami third baseman Casey McGehee and Seattle pitcher Chris Young have been selected as baseball's comeback players of the year.

McGehee, who turned 32 last month, hit .287 with 29 doubles, four home runs, 76 RBIs to win the NL honor following a season with the Rakuten Golden Eagles of Japan's Pacific League.

Young, a 35-year-old right-hander, won the AL award after being limited to nine starts in 2013—all in the minor leagues—because of injuries. He was 12-9 with a 3.65 ERA in 29 starts and one relief appearance this year, reaching double digits in win for the first time since 2006.

The awards, announced Friday, were voted on by the 30 beat writers from MLB.com, who each selected one candidate in each league.

Meanwhile, the Los An-

geles Angels' Mike Trout, Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen and Washington's Ian Desmond have won their third straight Silver Slugger Awards.

Chicago White Sox rookie first baseman Jose Abreu and Houston second baseman Jose Altuve were among eight first-time winners announced Thursday by Louisville Slugger, which presents the annual honors following voting by major league managers and coaches for the top hitter in each league at every position.

Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre won for the fourth time and was joined on the AL team by White Sox shortstop Alexei Ramirez, Cleveland catcher Yan Gomes and Detroit designated hitter Victor Martinez. Trout joined Mike Piazza (1993-95) as the only players to win in each of their first three full big league seasons and was joined in the outfield

by Toronto's Jose Bautista and Cleveland's Michael Brantley.

The NL team included Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Pittsburgh second baseman Neil Walker and Washington's left side of the infield, with Desmond at shortstop and Anthony Rendon at third. McCutchen was picked in the outfield along with Miami's Giancarlo Stanton and Atlanta's Justin Upton. World Series champion San Francisco earned battery honors, with Madison Bumgarner winning at pitcher and Buster Posey at catcher.

Brantley, Bumgarner, Gomes, Rendon, Stanton and Walker also were first-time winners.

Beltre, Gonzalez and Martinez each earned \$100,000 bonuses; Trout \$75,000; Brantley, Bumgarner and Posey \$50,000 apiece; Altuve \$25,000; and Abreu and Ramirez \$15,000 each.

Shorthanded-Celtics down Rose-less Bulls



CHICAGO (AP)—A few days into the regular season, the short-handed Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls already are in grind mode.

Emergency starter Evan Turner scored 19 points, one of seven Boston players in double figures, as the Celtics passed an early test with a 106-101 victory on Saturday night. The Celtics did it without Rajon Rondo, who missed his fourth game of the season.

"Listen, we had to play great tonight, and we did for the better part of the game," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said after his team's third game in four days. "Then Aaron Brooks went nuts at the end. You knew they were going to make a run. I'm just glad we didn't play a 49-minute game."

Kelly Olynyk finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, while Jeff Green contributed 14 points.

Brooks led Chicago with 26 points—19 in the fourth quarter. Pau Gasol added 19 points and nine rebounds.

After Brooks hit a three-pointer and a pair of free throws to pull the Bulls within 99-96, Olynyk split a pair of free throws. Brooks connected on a two-pointer, but Turner, Olynyk and Green answered with two free throws apiece in the final 17 seconds to seal the outcome.

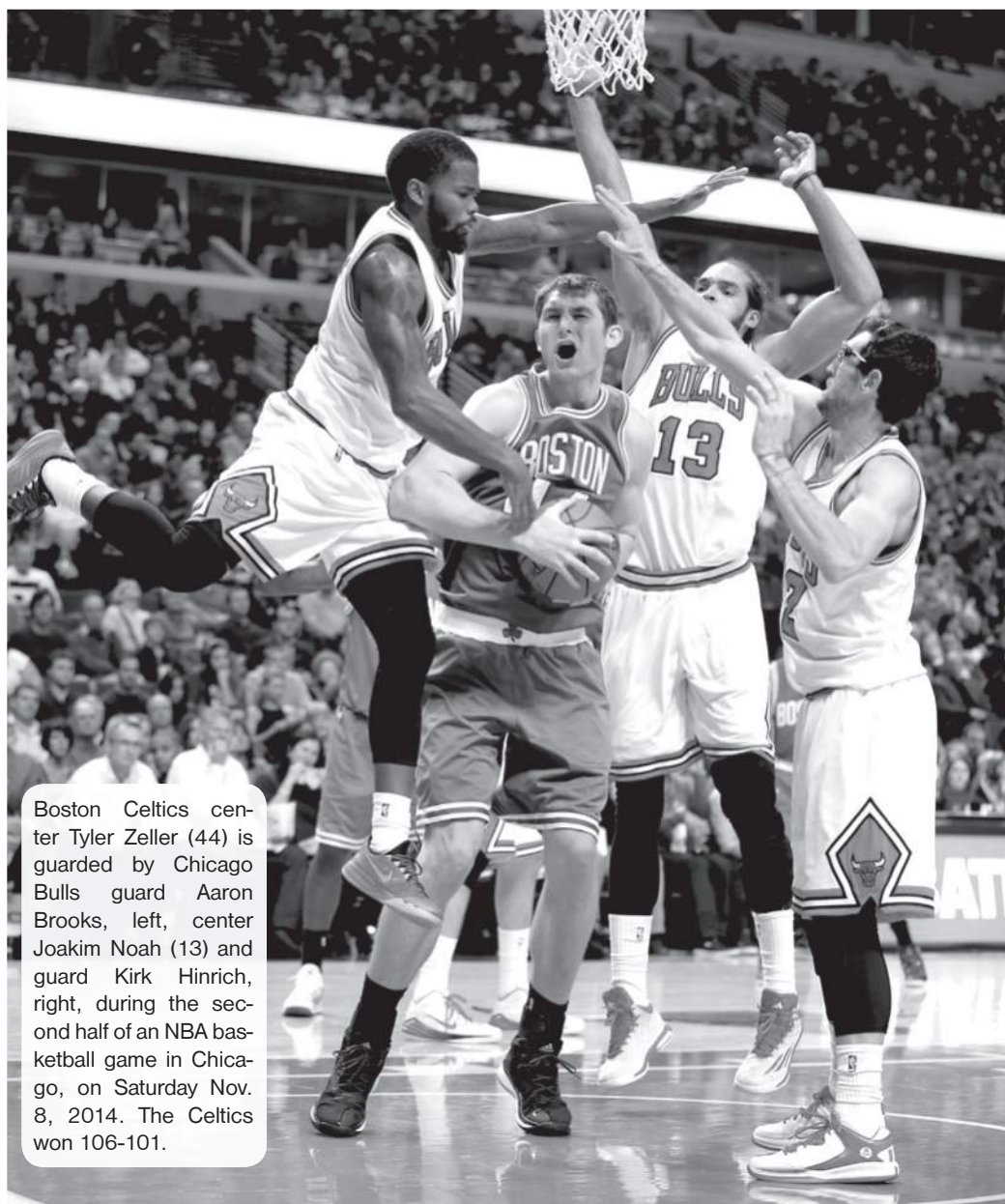
"We just kind of had to weather the storm, make some plays," Olynyk said. "E.T. hit some big shots. We got some big rebounds and just found a way."

The game was the fourth for the Bulls in five days and their second straight with injured guard Derrick Rose out of the lineup. As usual, Thibodeau wasn't in the mood for excuses after what he described as a "low-energy" first half.

"No, it was not (because of) four games in five nights," Brooks offered. "We just played badly. I think they were on the same schedule we had."

Specifically, Thibodeau was concerned about a 45-38 rebound disadvantage. "We have to do something to change it," he said.

Joakim Noah had a team-high 11 rebounds but sat out the final 2:03 because of what Thibodeau called "restrictions." Neither would say whether they



Boston Celtics center Tyler Zeller (44) is guarded by Chicago Bulls guard Aaron Brooks, left, center Joakim Noah (13) and guard Kirk Hinrich, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, on Saturday Nov. 8, 2014. The Celtics won 106-101.

were related to a minute's limitation or complications from Noah's left knee surgery six months earlier.

"I'm always concerned," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said when asked about Noah's health.

The Celtics seized control in the final 6 minutes of the second period, which they closed on a 27-8 run to take a 56-41 lead into the break. Avery Bradley scored nine and Turner added six more in the decisive stretch.

Boston bolted to a 12-2 lead at the outset, as Chicago misfired on 10 of its first 11 field goal tries. After a time-out, Gasol sparked a comeback that saw his team connect on 10 of its final 13 shots in the period to take a 25-20 advantage.

But the Bulls couldn't sustain the momentum, and when Tyler Zeller scored off Bradley's lob pass midway through the third quarter, the Celtics took a 36-35 lead that wasn't seriously threatened until the final minute.

"We have to get a lot better,"

Stevens said. "Obviously, we have to get healthy. It was the second night of a back-to-back for both teams. I don't think they played as well as they've played, and I thought we did some really good things, but we have to play more (complete) 48 minutes."

Warriors 98, Rockets 87

In Houston, Stephen Curry had 34 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Golden State Warriors past the depleted Houston Rockets 98-87 Saturday night in a matchup of undefeated teams.

Houston played without center Dwight Howard (flu-like symptoms) and power forward Terrence Jones (bruised right leg), which made things much easier for the Warriors inside.

They outscored the Rockets 56-32 in the paint and improved to 5-0 for the first time since the 1994-95 season, when Golden State finished 26-56 under coach Don Nelson. The Warriors are the only unbeaten team in the NBA.

Golden State center Andrew Bogut dominated the glass in Howard's absence, pulling down 18 rebounds.

Curry shot 6 for 9 from 3-point range and finished with five assists and four steals. Andre Iguodala scored most of his 15 points near the basket, and forward Draymond Green added 14.

James Harden led the Rockets (6-1) with 22 points, and point guard Isaiah Canaan had 21.

Pelicans 100, Spurs 99

In San Antonio, Anthony Davis scored the game-winning basket and finished with 27 points and 11 rebounds to help New Orleans hold off San Antonio.

The Spurs went on a 15-4 run with Tony Parker and Tim Duncan on the bench to take a 99-98 lead. Danny Green capped the run with three free throws with 12 seconds remaining after he was fouled by Eric Gordon on a wild 3-point attempt as the shot clock was about to expire.

Davis then drove past Aron

Baynes for a layup with 6.6 seconds left. Kawhi Leonard missed a pair of shots in the final seconds, snapping the Spurs' five-game winning streak over the Pelicans.

Tyreke Evans had 18 points, including buzzer-beating shots in the second and third quarters, and Jrue Holiday had 15 points and 11 assists.

Parker scored 28 points, Manu Ginobili added 17 points, Green had 16 and Duncan had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Bucks 93, Grizzlies 92

In Milwaukee, Brandon Knight converted a three-point play with 1.1 seconds remaining to rally Milwaukee past Memphis, handing the Grizzlies their first loss of the season after six consecutive victories.

Memphis guard Mike Conley was fouled with 8 seconds remaining, but missed the first free throw and made the second to make it 92-90.

On the ensuing possession, Knight scored on a drive and drew a foul from Courtney Lee. Knight then hit the winning free throw.

Lee's long jumper at the buzzer from beyond the top of the key was off the mark.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to pace the Bucks, and Knight added 14.

Zach Randolph had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Marc Gasol scored 18 for Memphis (6-1), which was off to the best start in franchise history.

Clippers 106, Blazers 102

In Los Angeles, J.J. Redick scored 30 points, Blake Griffin added 23 and Los Angeles hung on to beat Portland.

Chris Paul added 22 points and 11 assists, Jamal Crawford had 20 points in his first start of the season, and DeAndre Jordan grabbed 14 rebounds.

Damian Lillard led the Blazers with 25 points. LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Robin Lopez scored 17 of his 19 in the first half.

Griffin and Redick combined to score 15 of the Clippers' first 17 points of the fourth, extending their lead to 96-88. Griffin had six and Redick nine in the run.

Heat 102, Timberwolves 92

In Miami, Dwyane Wade had

25 points and eight assists, Chris Bosh scored 24 and Miami held on in the final minutes to beat Minnesota.

Luol Deng scored 14 points and Norris Cole added 11 for the Heat, who snapped a two-game slide.

Nikola Pekovic finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who lost for the second time in two nights and got confirmation earlier in the day that point guard Ricky Rubio will be out indefinitely because of a sprained left ankle.

Thaddeus Young scored 16, Shabazz Muhammad had 13 and Gorgui Dieng added 12 for Minnesota.

Wizards 97, Pacers 90

In Indianapolis, John Wall scored 18 points and Nene had 17 to lead Washington over Indiana.

The Wizards held a 54-35 lead at halftime, but had to hold off a late charge by the Pacers. Indiana outscored Washington 30-19 in the third quarter to get close, but couldn't take the lead.

Paul Pierce had 12 points and Kevin Seraphin came off the bench to score 13.

Indiana center Roy Hibbert exited with a bruised left knee with less than a minute to play in the first quarter and did not return.

Solomon Hill led the Pacers with a career-high 28 points, including 20 in the second half. Chris Copeland added 14.

Hawks 103, Knicks 96

In Atlanta, Kyle Korver scored 27 points and Atlanta overcame a strong start by Carmelo Anthony and New York, handing the Knicks their fourth straight loss.

Jeff Teague had 19 points for the Hawks, who recovered after losing back-to-back road games at San Antonio and Charlotte by a combined five points.

Anthony led New York with 20 points, including 14 in the first period. Iman Shumpert had 19.

The Knicks led 63-48 in the third quarter before the Hawks rallied to take the lead with the final basket of the period. After several lead changes in the fourth, the Hawks took a 94-88 advantage with seven straight points, including a 3-pointer by Korver and two baskets by Teague.

SIDE BAR

Rubio out indefinitely with severe ankle sprain

MIAMI (AP)—The initial diagnosis on the severity of Ricky Rubio's sprained left ankle was exactly what Minnesota coach Flip Saunders expected.

It was bad.

How bad won't even be known for another two weeks.

The Timberwolves will be without their point guard in-

definitely after an MRI on Saturday confirmed the sprain. Rubio will be re-evaluated later this month, at which time the team will formulate a potential timetable for his return.

"He's in good spirits," Saunders said before Minnesota faced the Miami Heat, not long after Rubio hobbled into

the arena on crutches with a boot protecting his ankle. "He feels good. Anyone who knows Ricky, he went through his knee situation a few years ago, he's an extremely hard worker. So he'll get back. If anyone is going to get back as soon as they can, he'd be a guy that would."

With Rubio out, the Timber-

wolves will rely more on Mo Williams at the point, though Saunders said he's leery of playing the veteran more than 25 minutes a night. Rookie Zach LaVine, who logged a total of 13 minutes in Minnesota's five games entering Saturday, also will become a bigger part of the rotation.

Saunders said he expects there will be a substantial learning curve for LaVine, who started in

Saturday's loss at Miami.

"I'm sure my hair will get grayer and I'll lose a few more hairs over the course of things," Saunders said.

Rubio was hurt in the second quarter of Minnesota's loss at Orlando on Friday night. He agreed to a \$55 million, four-year extension with the Timberwolves on Oct. 31 and is averaging 9.4 points and a career-best-pace 10 assists per game.

"They have a great insurance player with Mo Williams," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's proven himself. He can have big games and he can do it by getting into the paint, much like Rubio, and creating for others. But he also can score and shoot it when he gets going."

Rubio is not expected to accompany the Timberwolves to Mexico City for their game on Wednesday against Houston.

Track resurfacing must be done properly to ensure longevity



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Oceania Athletics Association president Geoff Gardner has advised officials of the Northern Marianas Sports Association and Northern Marianas Athletics to make sure the process of resurfacing the Oleai track oval is done properly to ensure its longevity.

Gardner said new technology of laying out the track had been developed to make sure it will last longer.

"Laying out the new track depends on the process and the people who are going to do it. We have better technology of doing and maintaining it," said the OAA chief, who is in his second term after being reelected in 2011.

"If the existing track's surface is to be removed very quickly it should also be replaced quickly," Gardner said.

He added that at least two months are needed in resurfacing the track but it still depends on the condition of the sub surface and the adhesives that will be used.

"It all boils down to preparation. They have to prepare it properly for the track to last a lot of years."

Gardner said he and other OAA officials—executive director Yvonne Mullins, vice president Trevor Spittle and



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Resurfacing of the Oleai Sports Complex track facility must be done properly to ensure longevity.

treasurer Titana Juventin—had discussions with NMSA and NMA officials on the proper process of resurfacing the track during their two-day visit on Saipan last month.

"You got to get it right from day one. If it is poorly prepared then you will end up with a poor surface. Everyone is committed to making sure they can get as many years out of the new track oval."

Gardner said that a proper

maintenance program must also be followed after the resurfacing.

"If it is properly looked after, the new surface of the track will give you hopefully at least 10 to 15 years," said Gardner.

He added that CNMI athletics would gain a lot once the resurfacing of the Oleai track is completed.

"It will be great for athletics in the CNMI. OAA, as demonstrated in the past, is a strong

supporter of the Micronesia and Marianas regions. We love coming here for events and Saipan has shown it can manage to host not only Micronesian regional games but obviously full blown Oceania Championships that's why we're looking forward to coming back here in the future," Gardner said.

He added OAA will give its 100 percent support to NMA and Saipan as it prepares to host the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

NMSA is hoping to begin resurfacing the track oval later this year or early 2015 as soon as it received the Community Development Block Grant from the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. NMSA will also consult an architect and engineer to further assess the facility so the bidding process could also begin.

The Oleai track facility got a Level II certification from the International Association

of Athletics Federation before and NMSA is aiming to get that rating back. Harsh weather conditions plus years of use contributed to the deterioration of the facility.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	5	1	.833	—
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	1½
Boston	3	3	.500	2
New York	2	5	.286	3½
Philadelphia	0	6	.000	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	5	2	.714	—
Miami	4	2	.667	½
Charlotte	3	3	.500	1½
Atlanta	2	3	.400	2
Orlando	2	4	.333	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2
Detroit	2	3	.400	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2
Indiana	1	6	.143	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	6	1	.857	—
Houston	6	1	.857	—
Dallas	4	2	.667	1½
New Orleans	3	2	.600	2
San Antonio	2	3	.400	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	3	3	.500	—
Utah	2	4	.333	1
Minnesota	2	4	.333	1
Denver	1	4	.200	1½
Oklahoma City	1	5	.167	2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	5	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	5	1	.833	½
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	1½
Phoenix	3	3	.500	2½
L.A. Lakers	0	5	.000	5

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Knights in a silver platter, as they had to survive an SIS' furious rally in the first set to escape with the close win and then withstood the Geckos repeated comeback bids in the second to avoid the latter's upset axe. Before meeting the third-ranked MCS, SIS came from a 25-14, 25-13 stunner over the top-seeded Grace Christian Academy last Thursday.

The Geckos then threatened another upset in the finals when they battled back from an 17-24

deficit and forced a deadlock, 24-all. The Knights moved one point away from winning the opening set after a wide return to the sideline from SIS' Alex Park, but could not get the job done right away as the Geckos refused to give up.

SIS scored seven successive points with A.J. Hudkins making a few aces and Park scoring on drops and digs. The other points came from the Knights' wide shots.

In danger of losing the crucial first set, MCS coach Tomoko Shimizu sued for time and it was badly needed to calm

the Knights' nerves. When the game resumed, the opposing teams traded shots with SIS' Malika Miyawaki hitting the last, but the ball dropped past the sideline, moving MCS within a point from taking the opener. Another SIS wide shot, this time from Park's kill, ended the Geckos' hopes to steal the opening set and inched MCS closer to the championship.

Foiling SIS' comeback bid late in the first set gave MCS the momentum in the opening half of the second set, as the Knights raced to an 11-4 advantage. Michael Jones and Sun Joon Teno-

rio got the job done for MCS in the second set, as they managed to score several points off kills and digs, while the rest of the team—Dayna Macaranas, Luisa Han, Angela Jun, and Sho Taguchi—also played steady at the backcourt to take control in the final set.

An erratic Geckos played catch up in the majority of the second set as their set plays for Clayton Izuka, Park, and Hudkins failed to work this time and defenders at the backline were a bit slow in stepping up to return those long shots from MCS.

Anticipating the ball to land

an answer to every SSHS challenge to seal the match.

In other results, SIS scored wins over its junior varsity squad, 25-20, 25-10, and MBA, 25-18, 25-22, last Thursday, while MHS varsity defeated its junior varsity squad, 25-7, 25-19, and outlasted MBA varsity, 24-26, 25-23, 15-12. The Dolphins, however, dropped a 14-25, 25-19, 13-15 decision against SIS JV last Friday. SSHS varsity scored wins over its junior varsity, 25-21, 25-19, and MHS JV, 25-21, 25-19, but suffered a 16-25, 22-25 defeat to the GCA Eagles, while MBA completed an 18-25, 25-13, 15-13 come-from-behind win against Kagman.

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varsity (6-7), Kagman High School varsity (5-9), Saipan Southern High School varsity (4-10), SSHS junior varsity (3-11) and MHS junior varsity (1-12) complete the standings.

The Geckos' third win came at the expense of Kagman, as they made short work of the Ayuyus, 25-12, 25-12 on Friday. SIS flexed its muscles right from the start as the Geckos baffled the Ayuyus with their kills and drop shots. Kagman also failed to find an answer on SIS' blocking and floor defense to fall in two sets.

MCS was victorious, too last Friday, working extra hard to

get past Kagman, 25-16, 26-24, and Saipan Southern varsity, 26-24, 25-19.

The Knights were aiming for a sweep against the Ayuyus when it held a slim 13-11 lead in the second set. Kagman, however, refused to just go down that easily and went on a 9-4 run to move to three points away from forcing a deciding third frame. MCS battled back with a 7-2 scoring spurt of its own to tie the contest, then moved to match point on a Kenji Yamagata kill before wrapping up the match on a wide spike by Kagman's Darion Jones.

Against Saipan Southern, MCS built an early 7-0 lead in the first set behind Kai Hi-

guchi's unusual service style where the Knights setter starts from the left corner before making a running jump serve, giving the ball added spin and making it difficult for the Manta Rays to make the return.

Southern then fought back as it managed to string up some points to even enjoy a 22-18 edge before MCS leveled the score at 24.

Quinn Amog scored MCS' 25th point when he tricked SSHS blocker Ethan Dickerson by dropping the ball instead of going for the spike. The set ended when Mantas' Yubin Park's spike attempt failed to get past the net.

MCS just played more carefully in the second and found

again at the backline, the Geckos defense bundled up far away from the net, but Macaranas' serve was tricky, as it first appeared to be short before the leather made it way past the net and dropped in with no SIS players in sight to return it. The ace handed MCS a 24-13 advantage and soon the Knights wrapped up the match and se-

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in Hawaii next month," said the Simon Sanchez High School graduate, who was joined by 8 other runners from Guam.

Peter Prestley placed second overall, touching the tape in 1:36:18.06, while Peter Blas placed third in 1:39:17.34.

Meanwhile, Saipan's Mamiko Berger duplicated Matienzo's first place finish, as she topped the women's division with a time of 1:36:29.59. Berger also pocketed the \$1,000 top prize after beating Peri Bowman (1:38:47.50) and Yumika Sugahara (1:40:07.72), who came in at second and third, respectively.

In other results, Steven Johnson topped the 20-29 age group with a time of 1:53:42.41 while Roby Garrido came in at second with his 1:58:38.56.

Other men's age group finishers were Oliver Santiago

cured the division crown as SIS registered another error. The Geckos committed the game-ending booboo when Grace Choi attempted a set-up near the net after Jun Lee made the first stop. The ball was in the air when Choi called the play, but she slipped as she stepped forward for the set up and the ball dropped to the floor.

(1:55:36.22) and Rommel Buenaflor (2:06:42.50) in the 30-39 and Maximino Simian (1:58:11.88), Butch Sublemente (2:08:15.94), Tamio Nishikido (2:15:16.50), Rolando Vicencio (2:20:18.72) and Ben Babauta (2:31:30.38) in the 40-49.

June Evangelista (1:55:35.44), Eugene Foels (2:08:55.06) and Manny Sitchon (2:23:27.44) took the Top 3 in the 50-59 age division, while barefoot runner Chang Whan Jang (1:50:30.09) and Paul Khang (2:11:29.00) finished 1-2 in the 60-69 category.

Agnes Khang (15-19, 2:18:35.15); Pipit Ball (20-29, 2:03:42.25); Jennifer Cui (1:57:58.44), Tara Taitano (2:02:46.75), Tiffany Lin (2:11:51.47), Yumiko Mizuno (2:12:58.69) and Karina Cerezo (2:19:32.75) of the 30-39 division; 40-49's Kimiko McKagan (1:59:07.53) of the 40-49; and 50-59's Lorie Hutchison were the female age group finishers.

Mendoza offered two basketball scholarships



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Marianas High School student Kobee Mendoza, right, poses for a photo with former CNMI National Team member and now pro basketball player Jericho Cruz during the former's visit in Manila, Philippines early this year.

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Marianas High School junior student Kobee Mendoza received full scholarships offers from two schools in the Philippines.

The 16-year-old has the option to attend Colegio de San Juan de Letran, on a full ride athletic scholarship, or Adamson University with a full ride athletic scholarship covering his high school and first 4 years of college tuition after graduating. Letran is a member of the oldest athletics association in the Philippines—the National Collegiate Athletic Association—while Adamson is playing in the more prestigious University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

The Saipan native has yet to make a decision as to whether he'll accept either offer, as he would have to fall back to the 10th grade if he wishes to attend high school in the Philippines, due to residential matters.

"As of right now, I'm undecided. I have up to next year to give my decision," he told Saipan Tribune.

Mendoza is a well-known basketball player on island and has been involved in many local and regional basketball tournaments. He first fell in love with the sport in the 5th grade as a member of the San Vicente Canaries. He then joined the G-Stars, where he was coached by Jose Tumaquip. After his first game on the court, the young student made his athletic debut in the 7th grade when he tried out for the CNMI U15 Junior National Team that represented the islands in Palau during the Micronesian Basketball Tournament.

"At the time, I really just did it for recreation. A few months later I got picked to go down with a 7-man squad to Palau. It was an unforgettable experience," Mendoza said.

Not long after his inaugu-

ral national team experience, Mendoza got back on the court to play for Proa for two years. Mendoza remains active in several other basketball competitions and was a part of IT&E's recent basketball championship win in an adult league.

Mendoza is also a renowned athlete on campus as he plays for the school's varsity team which topped last season's island-wide MISO basketball league. He is also a recipient of three Most Valuable Player awards.

He draws his commitment, passion, and dedication to the sport from his father, Edsel Mendoza, a former CNMI national player. He also attributes his success to his mother, Clarice.

"They are the most supportive parents in the world. My dad is my number one fan. I am grateful for everything he does for the family," he added. "I have been around the game so long since my dad was a basketball player."

The younger Mendoza also told the Saipan Tribune that professional basketball player Jericho Cruz also serves as an inspiration.

"Jericho Cruz inspires me. His success is inspiring. His growth and work ethic are amazing. Jericho and I definitely have an older brother-little brother relationship," he said.

Staying fit and being active in sports fill his schedule during the week, but Mendoza still manages to succeed in his academics.

"Academics has always been important to me. I strive for as much as I can. I spend most of my evenings doing schoolwork on most days of the week. Squeezing in afternoon workouts and games are the hardest part of training," he said. "On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays I focus on strength and conditioning. On the other days of the week I spend my free time on the court. So really, the hardest part of being a student athlete is managing time and working with practice schedules."

Rollers rout Ol'Aces, bag U14 crown

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The Rollers coasted to a 53-30 win over the Ol'Aces to rule the U14 division of the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Rollers used a 20-8 scoring exchange to turn a 6-7 deficit early in the first half to a 26-15 advantage at the turn.

Christian Arceo and Aaron Ogumoro spearheaded the Rollers' scoring attack, as the Ol'Aces failed to keep up with their opponents' offense the entire game.

The Ol'Aces tried to contain Arceo and Ogumoro, at times double or triple-teaming them but to no avail as both Rollers players found ways to score. Arceo and Ogumoro finished with a game-high 16 points each, while Finals MVP Angelo Factor scattered 10 markers. Ogumoro was named the regular season MVP and also claimed the scoring champion award.

The Rollers totally dominated the Ol'Aces in the second half to cruise their way to the divi-



sion crown.

Kimo Ainganen tried to get the Ol'Aces back in the game, but failed to get the needed scoring support.

Ainganen was the lone Ol'Aces player to score in double digits with his 16 points, while Shakobee Rangamar chipped in 6. Donovan Ada, Patrick Manglona, Alvin Pua and Greg Sablan added 2 points apiece.

Earlier, DYS overcame a 13-point deficit in the first half to rally past Tinian, 45-41, in the battle for third place.

Trailing 12-25 at the half, DYS erupted for 33 points to complete the come-from-behind win and clinch third place in the annual youth basketball league.

Chevy Alipio put on a one-man scoring show for DYS with her 20 points, while Duncan

Aaron Ogumoro, center, tries to go hard to the basket against the defense of the Ol'Aces' EJ Abejo, left, and Donovan Ada in the finals of BANMI's U14 league last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Laxa, Khristian Itaas and Sean Aitisan contributed 8, 6 and 5 markers. Ken Osagawara had 4 and Geo Salvani 2 to round up DYS' scorers.

Juanis King and Dustin Sablan made 12 points each for Tinian, which also clinched the sportsmanship trophy.

First Game

DYS 45 – Alipio 20, Laxa 8, Itaas 6, Aitisan 5, Ogasawara 4, Salvani 2

Tinian 41 – Ju. King 12, D. Sablan 12, Hofschneider 6, Zhu 6, Ja. King 3, R. Sablan 2.

Scoring by halves: 12-25, 45-41

Second Game

Rollers 53 – Arceo 16, Ogumoro 16, Factor 10, Dela Cruz 4, Tengco 3, Mamaril 2, Mendoza 2.

Ol'Aces 30 – Angailen 16, Rangamar 6, D. Ada 2, Manglona 2, Pua 2, Sablan 2.

Scoring by halves: 26-15, 53-30.

Joeten, MBI/Anchor complete semis cast

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Joeten and MBI/Anchor eased their way into the semifinals of the 2014 JP World Cup. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after routing separate playoff foes last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Joeten whipped Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in the first game, 88-62, while MBI/Anchor dominated McDonald's in the second match, 88-64, to join early semifinalists Shirley's Coffee Shop and Public School System to the Final Four.

Alex Lauron teamed up with Kevin De Leon, Syl Teregeyo, and Ferdie Tobias on powering Joeten to an easy win that allowed the team to arrange a semis date with the top-seeded Shirley's tonight at 8pm. All four players broke in double figures with Lauron leading the way, scoring 17 points. De Leon added 13, while Teregeyo and Tobias chipped in 12 and 10, respectively. The Joeten bench also contributed on offense, as their second stringers were given enough playing time with the team comfortable ahead at the end of the third, 63-43, and just traded baskets with CUC in the uneventful final frame.

Joeten set up the lopsided victory, as it got off to a good start, leading at 23-10. Lauron and Tobias led Joeten's early attack, as they combined for 12 points. Teregeyo,

De Leon, and Dixon Kwon, who came off the bench, provided the needed help in the ensuing quarter to eliminate CUC.

James Benavente top-scored for CUC with his 20 points, while Alain Nunez and Frank Mizutani also had double figures in their last game this season, registering 15 and 11, respectively.

In the second game, MBI/Anchor made sure McDonald's also played its final match in the season after cruising to the 14-point victory.

McDonald's failed to soldier on, as it managed to keep up with the younger and faster MBI/Anchor crew only in the opening minutes of the first period. When Ivan Devero and Angelo Fernando decided to push up the tempo of the game, McDonald's was left lagging behind.

With MBI/Anchor speeding things up, it turned a 15-23 first quarter lead to a 50-33 halftime advantage and McDonald's never made enough headway in the second half to have a chance for an upset.

Devero paced MBI/Anchor with his 25 points, while Fernando posted 14. Pete Lizama added 11, while White Capalad also finished in twin digits with 10. Joseph Achas had 17 points to lead McDonald's scoring.

Meanwhile, Devero and company collide with PSS in the first semis match tonight at 6:30pm. PSS gained an outright semis seat after placing second in the team standings with its 6-2 record and beating Joeten

in the tiebreak. Shirley's took the other automatic semis berth after sweeping the regular season.

First Game

Joeten 88 – Lauron 17, De Leon 13, Teregeyo 12, Tobias 10, Kwon 9, Sambile 6, Alfonso 4, Tudela 4, Borja 3, Jacob 2.

CUC 62 – Benavente 20, Nunez 15, Mizutani 11, Poquiz 6, Masga 6.

Scoring by quarters: 23-10,

44-28, 62-43, 88-62.

Second Game

MBI/Anchor 88 – Devero 25, Fernando 14, Lizama 11, Capalad 10, Trajano 8, Zapanta 7, Garcia 2, Viola 2, Pineda 2.

McDonald's 64 – J. Achas 17, Mi. Achas 14, Gapor 10, Mc. Achas 7, Deleon Guerrero 6, Cruz 5.

Scoring by quarters: 23-15, 50-33, 66-48, 88-64.



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Joeten's Syl Teregeyo, center, glides for a layup against CUC's Garry Serrano during the third quarter of their playoff game in the JP world caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Giants turn all their attention to Pablo Sandoval

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MCS bags first middle school v'ball title

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Mt. Carmel School ended a drought, winning its first middle school volleyball championship after beating Saipan International School in last Friday's title match of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Knights swept SIS, 26-24, 25-13, to finally make it to the champions circle since joining the league in 2007.

Mt. Carmel may have won the finals in straight sets, but the title was not handed on the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mt. Carmel School players and coach Tomoko Shimizu, standing left, pose with their championship trophy after beating Saipan International School in the middle school division of the COPSSA volleyball league last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Geckos, Knights tame foes in MISO

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Saipan International School varsity continued to roll past its opponents as it picked up three more wins in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization

Boys Volleyball League last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Not to be outdone, the Mt. Carmel School Knights varsity played a double-header and swept their two matches on Friday to remain within striking distance of the Top 3 teams.

SIS varsity holds a clean 14-0 record, followed by Grace Christian Academy varsity at 9-3 and MHS varsity at 8-4. Mt. Carmel jumped from sixth to fourth with an 8-7 record. SIS junior varsity (7-6), Marianas Baptist Academy

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JON PEREZ
Marianas High School's Karlo Deleon Guerrero, foreground, beats Marianas Baptist Academy's Won Woo in tipping the ball, while Dolphins teammate Jeffrey Dela Cruz prepares for a block during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

Guam runner rules PIC Half Marathon

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Ryan Matienzo had a fruitful Saipan trip as he ruled the 2014 Pacific Islands Club Half Marathon Road Race held last Saturday.

Not even a heavy downpour could prevent the 29-year-old runner from finishing the 13-mile course in 1:20:21.97 and claiming the \$1,000 top prize.

Matienzo, who was born in Lipa, Batangas, but grew up in

Guam, said he encountered no problems on the course even though it rained the entire race. The course started and ended at the south parking lot of Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio with a turnaround at the Garapan Fire Station.

"I'm used to the weather and it is a flat course. It took me two miles to warm up and that's when I started to break away and put some distance to the other runners," said the Prestige

Automobile employee.

Though he failed to hit his target of beating his best time of 1:12:00 two weeks ago in Guam, he was still satisfied with his performance as he prepares to run in the Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii in December.

"I was hoping to beat my 1:12 time or even post 1:15 but I still had a great run. I'm now preparing to run my third full marathon

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JON PEREZ
Ryan Matienzo of Guam plays along with the cheering crowd, as he heads to the finish line of last Saturday's 2014 Pacific Islands Club Half Marathon Road Race.